

Level 1

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Article #1

First Snow Fall

Today is November 26th.
It snowed all day today.
The snow is beautiful.
The snow finally stopped.
My sister and I are excited.
My Mom doesn't like the snow.
My Mom has to shovel the drive way.
My sister and I get to play.
I put on my hat and mittens.
My Mom puts on my scarf.
My Mom zippers my jacket.
My sister puts on her hat and mittens.
My Mom puts on her scarf.
My Mom zippers her jacket.
My sister and I go outside.
We begin to make a snow man.
My Mom starts to shovel the snow.
My sister and I make snow angels.
My sister and I throw snowballs.
It starts to snow again.
We go inside for hot chocolate.

Article #2

Jessica's First Day of School

Today is Jessica's first day of kindergarten.
Jessica and her parents walk to school.
Jessica's Mom walks with her to her classroom.
Jessica meets her teacher.
His name is Mr. Parker.
The school bell rings at 8.45 A.M..
Jessica hugs and kisses her Mom goodbye.
Jessica's Mom says "I love you."
At 9.00 A.M., Jessica stands for the National anthem.
Mr. Parker calls out children's names.
Each child yells back "Here."
Mr. Parker teaches them about letters.
Mr. Parker teaches them about numbers.

At 10:15 A.M. the students have recess.
Recess is fun.
The students get to play and eat.
At 10:30 A.M. the students go to gym class.
At 11:15 A.M. the students return to Mr. Parker's classroom.
Mr. Parker tells the students to sit on the carpet.
Mr. Parker reads the students a story.
Mr. Parker teaches the students a song.
The lunch bell rings.
Jessica's first day of school is over.

Article #3 My Flower Garden

My name is Anne.
I love flowers.
I have a flower garden.
My garden is in front of my house.
My neighbour has a garden too.
My garden has different types of flowers.
I have roses in my garden.
I have tulips in my garden.
I have petunias in my garden.
My garden has different colours.
I plant red flowers.
I plant orange flowers.
I plant blue flowers.
I plant purple flowers.
I take care of my garden.
I water my garden every day.
I kill the weeds in my garden.
I kill insects that eat my flowers.
I love my beautiful garden.

Article #4 Going Camping

The Bright family went camping on the weekend.
The Bright family went to Silent Lake.
The Bright family left on Friday.
They camped for three days.
The Bright family brought a big tent.
They brought a lot of food.
They brought insect repellent.
The Bright family had a campfire on Friday.
They roasted marshmallows.
They sang campfire songs.
On Saturday they went canoeing.

On Saturday they went fishing.
On Saturday they went swimming.
They went hiking on Sunday.
The Bright family saw many birds.
They saw blue jays.
They saw hummingbirds.
The Bright family saw many animals.
They saw a raccoon.
They saw a squirrel.
But they didn't see a bear.
The Bright family had a fun vacation.

Article #5

My House

I live in a house.
My house is small.
My house has two bedrooms.
My Mom and Dad sleep in one bedroom.
My sister and I share the other bedroom.
My house has a kitchen.
My Mom and Dad cook dinner there every night.
My house has a living room.
My family watches television there every night.
My house has a big bathroom.
My house has a lot of closets.
My house has a basement.
My Dad has a workshop in the basement.
My Dad makes wood furniture.
My house does not have a second floor.
My house has a garage.
My house has a big backyard.
My backyard has a maple tree.
My backyard has a swimming pool.
My backyard has a vegetable garden.
My family likes our house.

Article #6

My First Pet

My name is Sarah.
I am 14 years old.
I have a pet cat.
My cat's name is Milo.
My cat is black and white.
Milo's paws are white.
Milo's body is black.
She is very cute.

Milo's fur is very soft.
Milo was a very small kitten.
Milo is a very big cat.
Milo cannot have kittens.
She is fixed.
Milo likes to eat.
Milo likes to play outside
Milo likes to hunt for birds.
Milo likes to hunt for mice.
She likes her ears scratched.
Milo likes to sit in my lap.
Milo likes to sleep on my bed.
Milo is a good pet.

Article #7

Jennifer the Firefighter

Jennifer Smith is a firefighter.
She is one of the first female firefighters.
Jennifer works hard every day.
Jennifer exercises every day.
She lifts weights.
She wants her muscles to be very strong.
She saves people's lives every day.
She is very strong.
Jennifer is married.
Her husband is a school teacher.
Jennifer's husband is proud of her.
Jennifer is a mother.
She has two daughters.
Jennifer's daughters are proud of her too.
Jennifer is happy being a firefighter.
Jennifer is happy being a wife.
Jennifer is happy being a mother.

Article #8

Mark's Big Game

Mark's favourite sport is hockey.
He is 15 years old.
Mark practises three times a week.
Practices are two hours long.
Mark plays one game a week.
Mark is a good hockey player.
He plays on Friday nights.
Friday night hockey games are popular.
Mark's family watches him play.
Mark's friends watch him play too.

There are always many fans.
Tonight is the big game.
Coaches are coming to watch Mark play.
Mark wants to play in the National Hockey League.
Mark wants to make a lot of money.
It is very hard to play in the NHL.
Mark's parents want him to go to college.
They want him to have an education.
They want Mark to be successful.
They want Mark to be happy.

Article #9 The Easter Egg Hunt

Samantha is going to an Easter egg hunt.
Tracey is going to an Easter egg hunt.
The Easter egg hunt is at Sydney's house.
It is going to be fun.
Sydney's mom hid chocolate eggs.
Sydney's mom hid chocolate bunnies.
Everybody is here.
Everybody has an Easter basket.
The Easter egg hunt can start.
Everybody must close their eyes.
One, two, three, go!
Samantha finds an Easter egg.
The Easter egg is behind a table.
She puts it in her basket.
Tracey finds a chocolate Easter bunny.
It's under the couch.
Tracey puts in her basket.
Sydney finds a chocolate Easter bunny too.
It's in front of the television.
She puts in her basket.
Everybody finds lots of chocolate.
Everybody shares their chocolate.
Samantha, Tracey, and Sydney love Easter.

Article #10 Joe's First Car

Joe is 18 years old.
Joe works at McDonald's.
Joe saves all his money.
Joe has \$2500.00 in the bank.
He wants to buy a sports car.
Joe starts to look for a new car.
Joe looks in the newspaper.

Joe looks in magazines.
Joe finds a car he likes.
Joe goes to see the car with his dad.
He really likes it.
Joe doesn't have enough money.
Joe's dad tells him to keep saving his money.
Joe wants this car a lot.
Joe asks his dad to help him.
Joe and his dad make a deal.
Joe's dad will lend him the money.
Joe must work hard.
He must pay the money back to his dad.
Joe is very happy.
Joe owns his first car.

Article #11 Summer Vacation

Today is the last day of school.
It is summer vacation.
Grace is very excited.
This summer will be fun.
Grace is going to visit her Grandparents.
They have a cottage.
The cottage is on Lake Erie.
It is a lot of fun.
Grace is going to swim.
She is going to play board games.
She is going to talk with her grandparents.
Grace is going to have fun.
Grace is going to a summer camp.
She will sleep in a cabin.
She will make lots of new friends.
Grace will learn campfire songs.
Camp will be fun.
Grace is going to Cape Cod with her parents.
We are going for two weeks.
We are going to drive.
Grace will see the ocean.
Cape Cod will be beautiful.
Summer vacation is fun.

Article #12 Cleaning Up Leaves

The leaves are changing colours.
I see red maple leaves.
I see orange maple leaves.

I see yellow maple leaves.
The leaves are beautiful.
It is starting to get cold.
The wind is strong.
Winter is coming.
The leaves fall off the trees.
On Saturday we will clean them up.
The whole family helps.
My Dad gets the rake.
My Mom gets the garbage bags.
My brother and I help too.
We gather leaves with our hands.
We make a big pile.
My brother and I jump in the leaves.
We make a big mess.
Our parents don't mind.
Our parents fill our coats with leaves.
We look really big.
Everyone laughs.
Play time is over.
Back to work.

Article #13 Susan's Wedding Day

Susan is getting married.
Her fiancée's name is Michael.
They are in love.
They are getting married today.
Susan wakes up early.
She is getting her hair done.
Susan is having her make up done too.
Susan looks beautiful.
She puts on her white wedding dress.
She puts on her veil.
Susan needs something blue.
Her garter is blue.
Susan needs something old.
Her grandmother's ring is old.
Susan needs something borrowed.
She is wearing her mother's jewellery.
Susan needs something new.
Her shoes and dress are new.
Susan needs a penny for her shoe.
It will bring her good luck.
Susan is ready to get married.

Article #14 Remembrance Day

My grandfather fought in World War II.
My grandmother was a nurse in World War II.
Today is November 11th.
Today is Remembrance Day.
Today we celebrate soldiers.
Everyone wears a poppy.
Poppies are red flowers.
Poppies remind me of my grandparents.
Poppies remind me of their sacrifice.
At 11:00 AM there are two minutes of silence.
People remember their friends and family.
People recite the poem "In Flanders Field."
It is a sad poem.
It helps us remember.
Today we wish for peace in the world.

Article #15 Halloween Night

Halloween is fun.
My mom buys candy.
My Mom buys potato chips.
My Mom buys chocolate bars.
It is for the trick or treaters.
My Mom buys me a costume.
It is a ghost costume.
I am going to be scary.
My sister is going to dress up as a princess.
She will have a wand.
She will have a crown.
She will look beautiful.
My Dad buys a pumpkin.
It is going to be a Jack O'Lantern.
We draw a face on the pumpkin.
We carve the face with a knife.
Our Jack O'Lantern looks funny.
We go trick or treating.
We knock on the neighbour's door.
We say, "trick or treat."
Our neighbours give us candy.
We say thanks.
We go to many houses.
We go home.
Our parents check our candy.
It's safe.
We eat lots of candy.

We don't feel very good.
We go to bed.

Article #16 Christmas Eve

Ben and Melissa are getting ready for Christmas.
Ben and Melissa's house has lots of lights on the roof.
The lights are many colours.
Inside they listen to Christmas music.
Ben and Melissa drink eggnog.
Eggnog tastes good.
Ben and Melissa hang stockings on the fireplace.
They string popcorn.
Ben and Melissa put the popcorn string on the Christmas tree.
They put Christmas lights on the tree.
They put tinsel on the tree.
Ben and Melissa put ornaments on the tree.
They put a star on top of the tree.
They get ready for Santa Claus.
They leave milk and cookies for Santa.
Ben opens one present.
Melissa opens one present.
They go to sleep.
Ben and Melissa wake up early.
They run down stairs.
There are a lot of presents under our tree.
They wake up their Mom and Dad.
Ben and Melissa open their presents.
They love our presents.
Everyone cleans up the wrapping paper.
It is time for breakfast.

Article #17 Thanksgiving

We are having Thanksgiving at our house.
My whole family is coming.
My parents bought a turkey.
It weighs 30 pounds.
It takes a long time to cook.
My Mom wakes up early to cook the turkey.
I clean the house with my Dad.
The house smells good.
We help Mom in the kitchen.
I peel potatoes and carrots.
My Dad makes pumpkin pies.
My Mom cooks squash.

I help my Mom make stuffing.
I mix the bread and spices.
We make good stuffing.
It goes inside the turkey.
We put on nice clothes.
I set the table.
My Dad carves the turkey.
My Mom makes the gravy.
Our relatives arrive.
We say "thank you" for all we have.
We eat and eat.
It is a good Thanksgiving.

Article #18 Learning How to Drive

Amy is 16 years old.
She lives in a small town.
Amy is learning how to drive.
Amy's dad is giving her lessons.
Amy's dad's name is Howard.
Amy has had three lessons.
Amy and her dad argue during the lessons.
Amy's mom is giving her driving lessons.
Amy's mom's name is Jane.
Jane has given Amy a lesson.
Jane has decided to stop giving Amy lessons.
Jane and Amy argue during the lessons too.
Amy's parents call a driving school.
Amy is going to get lessons from a professional.
The classes cost \$300 for 10 lessons.
The lessons are very good.
Amy learns how to drive.
Amy gets her licence.

Article #19 Housework

There is always housework to do when you live in a house.
You have to wash the windows so that you can see outside.
The floors and the carpets need to be vacuumed.
The floors also need to be washed, and some of them need to be waxed.
The furniture has to be polished.
The bathroom has to be kept clean.
After you have a bath, you need to clean out the bathtub.
Laundry needs to be done regularly, or you will run out of clothes to wear.
The clothes go into the washing machine, and then they have to be dried in the dryer.
Sometimes, we hang the clothes out on the line to be dried.

Some of the clothes need to be ironed.
You have to buy groceries and put them away.
Meals need to be made.
You can't let the dishes pile up in the kitchen.
The dishes have to be washed, and the counters need to be wiped.
The stove needs to be cleaned, and sometimes the refrigerator and the cupboards need to be cleaned out.
You can dust the furniture and sweep up the dirt.
You can make the beds. The beds have to be changed too.
They need to have clean sheets put on them.
There are just so many things to do.
Household chores take up a lot of time.

Article #20 Working Outside

Today I was working outside.
It was a sunny day, and I was very hot.
I wore a hat on my head.
I watered all the plants.
I weeded the flower beds.
I cut back all of the plants that were growing too big.
I gave some of the plants plant food.
I cut the lawn.
I raked the lawn.
I filled up the bird baths with water.
I swept the sidewalks and the paths.
I took out the garbage.
I filled the car up with gas.
I washed the car.
I hung out the clothes on the clothesline.
I washed down the lawn furniture.
I washed all of the windows on the house from the outside.
I was so tired.
So I had a glass of lemonade.
I talked to my neighbour, and I helped her trim a tree.
I planted some bulbs,
and then I went into the house.
I was exhausted.

Article #21 Daily Schedule

I wake up every morning at seven o'clock.
I take a shower.
I eat my breakfast.
I usually have toast or cereal.
I brush my teeth.

I put on my clothes.
I catch the school bus.
I ride to school.
In my class, we have math and English before recess.
At recess time, the girls skip, or walk around and talk.
The boys play in the playground or play baseball.
After recess, we have physical education and geography.
We eat lunch, and then we play outside.
When the bell rings, we line up to go back into the classroom.
After lunch, we have history and science.
At recess, we play ball again.
Some of girls play ball too.
In the winter, we build snowmen.
If it is too cold, we stay indoors and talk to each other.
After recess, we have music and health.
We get out of school at three thirty.
I sometimes walk home with my friends, or I take the bus.
I have a snack and change my clothes when I get home.
I change into my pajamas.
If it is raining, I watch television.
If it is nice outside, I play with my friends.
I have supper at five thirty.
On some nights, I help my mother to do the dishes.
After supper, I do my homework.
I wash my face and hands, and brush my teeth.

Article #22

Meals

Breakfast is very rushed at our house.
My brothers and sisters and I have toast or cereal.
We also have orange juice.
On weekends my mother makes bacon and eggs for us.
My father just has a cup of coffee for breakfast.
My mother packs a lunch for all of us.
We usually have a sandwich, a piece of fruit and a drink of juice or milk.
My favorite sandwiches are egg salad, tuna, roast beef and ham.
My brother always wants peanut butter and jam sandwiches.
My mother sometimes packs a treat for us.
Today we had cookies with our lunch.
At supper time, the family sits around the table and talks about what they did all day.
My mother makes good suppers.
We sometimes have spaghetti.
My mother makes a roast of beef with potatoes and vegetables quite often.
She makes many different dishes out of chicken.
She makes soups or stews.
She also makes casseroles.
My brothers and sisters and I have milk with our dinner.

My parents sometimes have wine with their dinner.
Sometimes we have salad before our dinner.
I set the table for my mother.
I put out the forks, the knives and spoons.
I also put out glasses and fill them full of milk or water.
For dessert, we sometimes have ice cream, cake or pie.
My mother said that it is better to have fruit because it is better for you.
Tonight I ate a peach for dessert.
My favorite fruits are apples, peaches, plums and bananas.
After supper, my mother always has a cup of tea with sugar and cream in it.
After dinner, I help my mother with the dishes.
Usually she washes the dishes, and I will dry them.

Article #23 Seasons

There are four seasons.
Winter is the cold season.
It snows in the winter.
The winds blow, and ice forms on the water.
We play hockey on the ice.
We play in the snow.
After winter is the spring.
That is when it begins to get warmer.
Trees get buds on them.
Flowers start to bloom.
It rains a lot in the spring.
Spring is followed by the summer.
It can get very hot in the summertime.
The sun shines brightly.
We go swimming in the summer.
We spend a lot of time outdoors.
Many people go on vacations in the summer.
We get a summer vacation from school.
Summer is followed by the fall or autumn.
The leaves on the trees change colours.
They change from green to red,
orange and brown.
The leaves fall off the trees.
The weather gets cooler.
The days get shorter.
We go back to school in the fall.
Then, winter comes again.
The seasons follow one after each other.

Article #24 Weather

You can watch the weatherman on TV,
to find out what the weather will be like.
It might be a nice clear day with no clouds in the sky.
The sun might be shining.
It could be a cloudy day.
Sometimes, cloudy days are just dull.
On some cloudy days, it begins to rain or snow.
Some days are rainy.
You need a raincoat, umbrella and boots on a rainy day.
Rain makes the flowers and grass grow.
The weather forecast might say that it will be windy.
You could have a gentle breeze.
It might be very gusty so that the wind pushes you.
It is dangerous if the wind is very strong.
A hurricane or tornado is very dangerous.
Once in a while, the weatherman says there will be hail.
Hail stones are hard cold pellets of ice that fall from the sky.
Sometimes, the weatherman will say that there will be snow flurries.
Sometimes, there is just a light dusting of snow.
Sometimes, there is a blizzard or a snowstorm.
It can be dangerous driving through a blizzard.
If there is a lot of snow, the streets have to be plowed.
You need a hat, coat, mittens and boots on a very cold day.
Sometimes, the weather forecast is wrong.
The weatherman might say that it will be a sunny day, but then the clouds come in and it rains.
That is not good if you are planning a picnic.
I prefer sunny days that are warm but not too hot.
I like to feel a gentle breeze to cool me down.

Article #25 House

A house is divided into different rooms.
In my house, there is a living room.
There is a couch, two chairs, a coffee table and a television set in the living room.
In the kitchen, there is a stove and a refrigerator.
There is also a sink and a dishwasher in the kitchen.
There is a kitchen table and chairs.
We eat most of our meals at the kitchen table.
We have a dining room.
There is a dining table and chairs in there.
There is a washroom or bathroom.
There is a toilet, sink and bathtub in the bathroom.
There is also a shower in the bathroom.
We have three bedrooms.
The bedrooms are upstairs.
My brother's room, my room and my parent's room all have beds in them.

We also have dressers in our rooms.
There are closets in all of the bedrooms.
We keep our clothes in the closets.
There is a basement in our house.
We store things in the basement.
There is a laundry room in the basement.
There is a washing machine and a dryer in the laundry room.
This is where we wash and dry our clothes.
There is a garage attached to the house.
We keep the car in the garage.
You drive up the driveway and into the garage.
We also have a front yard and a back yard.
There is a vegetable garden in the back yard.
There are some flowers and a tree planted in the front yard.

Article #26 School

There are different types of schools.
There is an elementary school.
The children at the elementary school are young.
There is a playground for them to play in.
The classrooms are bright and airy.
There are blackboards in the classrooms.
The children sit in desks to do their work.
There is a parking lot for the teachers to park in.
There is a cafeteria for the students to get food.
The principal has an office.
Nobody wants to go to the principal's office.
It usually means that you are in trouble if you have to go to the principal's office.
When you finish elementary school, you go to high school.
Most of the students in high school are teenagers.
There is a parking lot outside the high school.
There is also a football field outside.
The students go to classes in different classrooms.
They move from classroom to classroom for each subject.
There is a cafeteria where they can get their lunches or eat the lunches that they have brought from home.
There is a gymnasium where students have physical education.
Dances are also held in the gymnasium.
Some students go on to university from high school.
Students at the university are older.
Some of the students are even senior citizens.
People come from all over the world to attend the university.
There are lots of different things at the university.
There is a theater where plays and concerts are held.
There is a bookstore where students can buy their textbooks.
There is a physical education building that has a swimming pool in it.

The parking lot at the university is very big.
They call the land that the university is on a campus.
Some of the students live on campus in residences.

Article #27 Subjects

There are many subjects that you can take at school.
My favorite subject is music.
I like to sing and to play the clarinet.
I also like art.
I am quite good at drawing and painting.
History is a good subject.
I like learning about the past.
Geography is very interesting.
We look at many maps in geography.
We learn where there are deserts and mountains.
I know the names of all the continents and all the oceans.
Mathematics is my least favorite subject.
I am not very good with numbers.
I am good at addition and subtraction,
but I am not good at division and multiplication.
In my school we learn to speak French.
We learn French because Canada has French and English-speaking citizens.
English literature is a good subject.
I enjoy reading books.
I also like to write compositions and poetry.
Science is my brother's favorite subject.
He is interested in plants, and he likes to do experiments.
We also take drama at my school.
I like to act.
I got the lead role in the school play.

Article #28 International Students

We have many international students at my school.
Some of the students come from England.
They speak English, but they have an accent that is different from a Canadian accent.
Many students are from Japan.
They are learning our language and our customs.
We have students from Germany, Italy, China, Korea and Iran.
We try to make those students feel welcome here.
The students like to see what is here.
They go sightseeing.
They visit all the places that the tourists like to go to.
Niagara Falls and Toronto are interesting places to visit.
The students practice their English by talking to Canadians.

When they first get here, we show them around.
They do many exercises to learn the language.
They listen to English songs.
They read story books that are written in English.
They listen to English language tapes.
The best way to learn the language is to talk to other people.
It is good to ask questions in English.
Canadians try to be helpful to international students.
Some of the international students live with host families.
The host families have the students living in their homes.
It is a good way for the host families and the students to make friends.
Many of the international students stay in contact with their friends and host families even after they have gone back to their homelands.
The international students learn a lot from their host families because they eat Canadian foods, and they learn what it is like to live in a Canadian household.

Article #29 Interests and Hobbies

It is very rewarding to have different interests and hobbies.
Some people like to play computer games.
Other people spend a lot of time watching television.
There are people who would rather watch movies.
Some people prefer more physical things.
They would rather play a sport like baseball, hockey or basketball.
Some people do exercises at a gym, or they just go for walks.
There are many ways to exercise.
You can ride a bicycle or lift weights.
There are people who like to collect things.
They can collect all kinds of different things.
You can collect stamps, coins, dolls, postcards, movies, rocks or posters.
Some people even collect bugs or leaves.
Some people are lucky enough to be able to travel.
You can travel to a nearby place, or you can travel far away to a different country.
There are people who like to listen to music.
People have different tastes in music.
Some people like rock music, rap, classical music, or folk music.
There are many different types of music.
Some people would rather play music than listen to it.
You can play an instrument, or you can sing.
Many people learn to play the guitar or the piano.
Some people join bands or orchestras.
There are people who like to read books.
There are a lot of different hobbies.
It depends on what you consider to be fun.
You can have more than one hobby or interest.
It is good to be interested in a lot of different things.

Article #30 Movies

I go to the movies almost every week.
Sometimes, I rent movies from the video store.
My favorite films are action films.
I like to watch car chases.
I like it when the bad guy has a shootout with the good guys.
I like the good guys to win.
I also like science fiction movies.
I like things that take place in the future.
I like movies that have aliens from different planets in them.
Some of the science fiction movies can be silly and unbelievable.
I don't like those ones.
My mother likes dramas.
She has a lot of favorite actors and actresses.
She sometimes watches sad movies that make her cry.
She also likes comedies.
She laughs out loud if a comedy is very funny.
My father likes horror movies.
He likes movies with monsters in them.
He also likes thrillers.
I have watched some thrillers that keep you tense and on the edge of your seat.
Sometimes, I have to shut my eyes if the movie gets too scary.
My brother likes animated films.
In animated films, there are no actors, just cartoon characters.
My brother goes to the movies on Saturday afternoons with his friends.
He goes to the matinee.
He gets popcorn, candy and pop.
He usually comes back with a stomach ache because he eats so much.
Sometimes, my father watches documentaries.
Documentaries are about real things.
You can learn a lot from watching a documentary.
I watch documentaries with him sometimes, but I would rather see a good action film.

Article #31 Flowers

I go to the movies almost every week.
There are hundreds of different types of flowers.
Most people like roses.
Roses grow on bushes, and they smell beautiful.
You have to be careful that you don't prick your finger on a rose thorn.
Roses come in many colours.
There are red, pink, yellow and white roses.
In the spring, tulips are in bloom.
In Ottawa, there are many tulips.
Some people go there just to see all the tulips in the spring.

Forget-me-nots are also spring flowers.
They are tiny and blue.
Lilies of the valley look like white bells.
Many of the trees have blossoms on them in the springtime.
The apple and cherry trees look particularly beautiful when they are in blossom.
We have a blossom festival in my town.
My neighbors like to plant geraniums, petunias and marigolds in the summer.
Some people plant sunflowers.
Sunflowers grow very tall.
Sometimes a girl will get an orchid for her date.
They have bright yellow petals.
All of those flowers grow best in the sunshine.
If your garden is shady, you have to plant different things.
Hostas grow well in a shady garden.
Chrysanthemums are fall flowers.
Chrysanthemums come in many colours also.
There are purple, yellow and white chrysanthemums.
Flowers are good to give as gifts.
Women like to receive a dozen roses on Valentine's Day.
Carnations also make a nice gift.
They have a very sweet smell.
Many people give away lilies for Easter.
Poinsettias are very festive at Christmas time.
If someone goes to a dance, they often give their partner a flower to wear.
If you go to a wedding, you will probably see a lot of flowers there.
Flowers help to make places beautiful.

Article #32 The Shopping Mall

There are many different stores in the shopping mall.
There are ladies' wear stores.
They sell dresses, blouses, and many kinds of clothes for women.
In the men's wear stores there are suits, ties, shirts and slacks.
There are also clothing stores that appeal just to teenagers.
Some clothing stores only sell childrens' clothes.
There is even a store that just sells bathing suits and cover-ups for the beach or pool.
There are lingerie stores that sell ladies' underwear and nightwear.
There are hardware stores that sell tools.
There are shoe stores.
You buy shoes and boots in a shoe store.
There are bookstores.
You can buy a book on almost any topic at the bookstore.
There are stores that sell compact discs.
Those stores also have tapes and videos.
There are sports stores that sell special shoes and clothes for sports.
They also sell sports equipment, and t-shirts and hats with the logo of your favorite teams.

There are gift stores that sell all kinds of things that someone might want for their house.
There are kitchen stores where you can buy utensils and pots and pans.
Those kinds of stores also sell aprons and napkins, and anything you might need for your kitchen.
There is a movie theatre at the mall.
There is a jewellery store that has a lot of gold and silver jewellery.
There is a hairdresser in the mall.
Sometimes, I go in there to get my hair cut.
There are fast food places in the mall.
You can get a quick lunch like a hamburger or some french fries.
There are also fancier restaurants in the mall.
You can sit down for a nice meal.
There is a furniture store in the mall.
You could buy a new sofa or bed at the furniture store.
There are bulk food stores.
At a bulk food store, all the foods are in bins.
You take as much as you want and pay for it at the counter.
There is even a telephone store and an electronics store at the mall.
My brother's favorite store is the toy store.
He could spend hours in there.
There are also department stores at the mall.
Department stores sell all kinds of things.
They sell perfume, clothes, shoes, kitchen utensils, or just about anything you might need.
You can get almost anything you want at the shopping mall.

Article #33 Travel

It is fun to take a trip to a faraway place.
My brother just went to Italy and France.
He got on a plane at Toronto Airport.
He took a flight to France.
He stayed there for a couple of days.
He visited the Eiffel Tower.
He was in Paris.
He said that he enjoyed the food in France.
He then traveled to Italy.
He saw many towns and villages in Italy.
He went to Rome and visited many of the tourist attractions.
In Venice, he saw the canals.
He tried to speak Italian, but he is not too good at it.
He said that the people were very helpful.
They tried to understand him.
He bought souvenirs for us when he was in Italy.
He ate Italian food.
He said that pizza in Italy is quite different from the pizza we eat here in Canada.
He saw many streets that were made of cobblestones.

He saw many old buildings.
A lot of people in Italy travel around on scooters.
He stayed at a very nice hotel in Italy.
He was sorry when it was time to come home.
My brother likes to travel.
He likes to fly in airplanes.
The airlines lost his luggage once.
He was not too pleased about that.
Next year, he would like to travel to England.

Article #34 The Farm

My uncle is a farmer.
He lives on a farm.
He has many different types of animals.
In the barn, there are horses and cows.
The cows swish the flies away from themselves with their tails.
It sounds very loud if a cow says "moo" when you are standing there.
The cows eat the grass from my uncle's field.
He gets milk from the cows.
I put a saddle on one of the horses and went for a ride.
There are pigs in the pigpen.
He has goats.
He says that the goats will eat just about anything.
He has a chicken coop with chickens in it.
The chickens lay eggs.
Have you ever seen baby chicks?
They are very cute.
My uncle collects the eggs every morning.
There is a rooster too.
The rooster crows when the sun comes up.
My uncle also has a goose.
The goose makes a honking noise.
I don't think that the goose likes me.
It nips me when I go near it.
Many cats live in my uncle's barn.
They are stray cats, but he lets them stay there because they keep the mice away.
My uncle feeds the cats.
My uncle says that he would like to get some sheep for his farm.
You can get wool from sheep.
There are a lot of animals on my uncle's farm.

Article #35 Transportation (1)

Every family that I know has at least one car.
Some families have two, or even three cars.

Most people get their licence to drive when they are sixteen.
In my house, we just have one car.
If my father takes the car to work, my mother will take the bus.
I ride in a school bus to school.
My sister works in another town.
She gets on the train to go to work.
The train station is not far from my house.
The train tracks run right by my house.
My grandfather from Ireland came to visit us.
He came over by boat.
He had to cross the ocean.
We went to Florida last year.
We flew on a plane.
The plane flew right through the clouds.
My friend's brother drives a motorcycle.
He wears a helmet.
I rode on his motorcycle once.
I had to sit on the back and hold on tight.
I ride my bicycle when the weather is nice.
I also have a scooter that I use to travel around.
I took a helicopter ride once.
The helicopter's propellers were going around when I got on.
It went straight up in the air.
I enjoyed the ride.
I would like to learn how to fly a plane or a helicopter.
I like flying through the air.

Article #36 Holidays

In Canada, we have many different days that we celebrate.
On the first day of January, there is New Year's Day.
That is when we ring in the new year, and say goodbye to the old year.
In February, there is Valentine's day.
That is the day when you tell your girlfriend or boyfriend that you love them.
You can buy them flowers or candy, or take them out to dinner.
In March, there is Saint Patrick's Day.
Everyone pretends that they are Irish on Saint Patrick's day.
They all wear green.
Easter comes in the spring.
Easter is a religious holiday.
Some people celebrate by going to church.
Some people think that the Easter bunny comes and leaves chocolate eggs for them.
In May, there is Victoria Day.
We celebrate this day in honour of England's Queen Victoria.
There are fireworks on Victoria Day.
July the first is Canada Day.
In September, there is Labour Day.

This is the day that we honour the working man or woman.
In October, there is Thanksgiving.
We give thanks for all the things that we are fortunate enough to have.
We usually have a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving day.
On the last day of October, there is Halloween.
The children dress up in costumes, and go from door to door collecting candies.
Remembrance day is in November.
People wear red poppies, and they remember all the people that died for their country.
Christmas comes in December.
Christmas is also a religious holiday, but many children believe that Santa Claus arrives on Christmas Eve in a sleigh pulled by reindeer.
They believe that Santa Claus fills up their stockings with toys and goodies.
He gets in and out of people's houses through their chimneys.
We don't get off work or school for all of these days, but many of them are holidays from work and school.

Article #37 Diseases

Some diseases are very deadly, and some are not so serious.
Most people catch a cold sometimes.
A cold makes you cough and sneeze.
Colds can be passed on from person to person.
Some people get the flu.
With the flu, you get chills and a fever.
A fever is a high temperature.
If you have the flu, you will feel very bad.
You have to stay home in bed.
There are diseases that children get.
The mumps makes you have lumps in your neck.
Chicken pox and measles leave you with red itchy dots on your skin.
Older people sometimes get arthritis.
Their bones get stiff and sore.
There are people who get heart disease.
In many cases, a healthy lifestyle can prevent heart disease.
Cancer can attack different parts of the body.
Many smokers get lung cancer.
Some diseases are treated with pills or medicine.
Other diseases need to be treated in the hospital.
Sometimes doctors need to give you tests to find out what kind of disease you have.
The doctor might have to do a blood test or an x-ray to find out what is wrong with you.
Most diseases can be cured by a doctor.

Article #38 Jobs

There are many different jobs that you can choose from.
You can be a doctor or a nurse.

You could work in a hospital or doctor's office.
You might be a firefighter and put out fires.
A policeman enforces the law.
An actor plays roles on stage or in the movies.
You could drive a taxi or be the pilot of an airplane.
What kinds of things do you like to do?
You might want to be a sales clerk in a store.
Maybe you are good at a sport.
You could be a baseball player or a hockey player.
Being a dentist is a good job.
A dentist fixes teeth.
If you are good at arguing, you might want to be a lawyer.
Do you like to fix people's hair?
You could be a hairdresser or a barber.
If you are good with your hands, you might want to be a carpenter or a mechanic.
If you like to travel, you could be a stewardess or a travel agent.
You could be a teacher or a photographer.
Are you artistic or creative?
You might want to be an artist or a writer.
You could work on construction and build houses.
You could look after animals and be a veterinarian.
If you like to cook, you could be a cook or a chef.
There are so many places to work, and so many jobs to do.
Maybe you could fix computers or work in a library.
You could wash windows or be the captain of a ship.
There is no limit to what you can be.

Article #39 My Body

On the top of my head, I have hair.
Below my hair is my face.
I have two eyes.
I have eyebrows and eyelashes.
Below my eyes, I have a nose.
My mouth is below my nose.
I have lips.
If I open my lips, you will see my teeth and my tongue.
Below my mouth is my chin.
On the sides of my head, I have two ears.
My cheeks are on either side of my nose.
My neck holds up my head.
My neck attaches my head to my chest.
On either side of my chest are my shoulders.
My arms hang down from my shoulders.
I have wrists on my arms.
My hands are attached to my wrists.
My fingers are part of my hands.

I have ten fingers and ten fingernails.
My back is at the back of me.
Further down, there is my waist.
If I wear a belt, I put it on my waist.
My hips are below my waist.
My legs come down from my hips.
My legs are made up of my thighs, my knees and my calves.
My knees can bend.
My ankles are below my legs.
My feet are attached to my ankles.
My toes are part of my feet.
I have ten toes and ten toenails.
I am me from the top of my head to the tip of my toes.

Article #40 Clothing

I change my clothes a lot.
If I am going somewhere fancy, I wear a dress.
I wear stockings on my legs, and I wear a pair of nice shoes.
If I am going to play sports, I wear a sweatshirt and jeans.
If I am going to the beach, I wear a bathing suit or a bikini.
My brother wears swimming trunks to the beach.
At work, I wear a skirt and a blouse.
Underneath my clothes, I wear underwear.
A lady wears a bra and panties as underwear.
A man wears boxer or jockey shorts as underwear.
Today, I am wearing a blouse and a pair of jeans over my underwear.
I have socks and shoes on my feet.
In the summer, I often wear sandals on my feet.
In the summer, the tops that I wear are usually sleeveless.
I usually wear shorts in the summer.
Sometimes, I wear a sweater or a jacket if the weather is cool.
I wear a cap or a hat on my head.
I wear a belt to hold up my jeans or my slacks.
Women sometimes wear a dress or a skirt.
Men wear a pair of slacks and a shirt.
Some men wear a suit and a shirt and tie.
If it is very cold outside, I wear a winter coat.
If it is cold, I like to wear gloves or mittens on my hands.
Sometimes, I wrap a scarf around my neck to keep warm.
I wear a toque on my head in cold weather.
I wear boots on my feet in the winter.
If it is raining, I wear a raincoat.
The way that I dress depends a lot on the weather.

Article #41 Colors

Red is a vibrant color.
Roses are sometimes red.
Blood is red.
White is the color of snow.
Clouds are very often white.
Blue is the color of the sky and the ocean.
Black isn't really a color at all.
Tar is black.
A crow is black.
Green is the color of grass.
It is also the color of leaves on the trees in the summer.
Brown is the color of dirt.
Many people have brown hair.
Yellow is a bright color.
Most people use yellow when they draw a picture of the sun.
Orange is an easy color to remember, that is because an orange is orange.
Pink is the color that we dress baby girls in.
We dress baby boys in blue.
Purple is the color of some violets.
The Canadian flag is red and white.
What color is your flag?

Article #42 Wild Animals

Some animals are wild.
They don't live in homes or cages.
They live in jungles or on plains.
The lion is the king of the beasts.
He is very mighty.
He roars loudly.
The giraffe has a long neck.
He eats leaves from the tallest trees.
The elephant is very large.
He has a trunk and two tusks.
A tiger has stripes.
Some bears are black, and some are brown.
There are even white bears called polar bears.
A kangaroo lives in Australia.
That is the only place that you would find a kangaroo, except in a zoo.
It might be frightening to run into a wolf or a fox.
Monkeys run and play in the trees.
In Canada, we don't see lions, tigers, giraffes or monkeys running wild.
There are squirrels in my back yard.
Sometimes, I see a raccoon or a chipmunk.
In northern Ontario, you might see a moose or a bear.
I have seen a deer in the forest.

There are many wild animals.
You can see wild animals if you go to the zoo.

Article #43 Months

There are twelve months in the year.
January is the first month of the year.
It is usually cold in January.
February is the second month of the year.
It is still winter when February comes.
They say that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.
That means that it is still usually cold, and sometimes stormy when March begins.
By the time that March ends, the weather is starting to get a little better.
April is the rainy month.
April showers bring May flowers.
Many of the spring flowers bloom in May.
The weather can be quite mild in May.
June is usually a nice warm month.
Many people get married in June.
July can be hot.
People have vacations in July.
It is a month to do summer things.
It is still summer in August, but the summer is winding down.
August is the time to have last minute vacations.
In September, we go back to school. The autumn winds begin to blow.
October really feels like autumn.
October is Halloween time.
November is when we really start to feel the chill.
December is the Christmas month.
Most people do a lot of Christmas shopping in December.
They spend quite a bit of time getting ready for Christmas.
All of the months are different. Which month were you born in?

Article #44 Days of the Week

There are seven days of the week.
Sunday is a day of rest for some people, but many people still have to work.
Quite a few people go to church on a Sunday.
On Monday morning, we go back to school after the weekend.
Many people say that they don't like Monday because it is the beginning of the work week.
Tuesday is a school day and a working day.
I don't think that there is anything special about a Tuesday.
Wednesday is the middle of the work week.
On Thursday, many of the stores and malls stay open later.
It gives you a chance to run some errands on a Thursday night.

On Friday, you feel like the work week is nearly over.
Some people say, "thank goodness it is Friday."
They look forward to the weekend.
On Saturday, many people can sleep in late.
People get errands done on Saturday.
You see a lot of people in the grocery store on a Saturday.
Most children look forward to Saturday so that they can play with their friends.
Then, Sunday comes again.
The weeks turn into months, and the months turn into years.
Time goes by quite quickly.
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Article #45 Describing Things

Some things are different shapes.
They can be described by their shape.
A circle is round.
A compact disc is a circle.
A square has four equal sides.
A rectangle is similar, but two of the sides are longer.
A triangle has only three sides.
Have you ever seen anyone play a triangle in an orchestra?
The word "triangle" can stand for an instrument or a shape.
An oval is rounded, but it is not round.
An egg is an oval shape.
The floor is flat.
If something is smooth, it has no bumps or lumps

Silk is smooth.
Some things are rough.
Sandpaper is rough.
If something is dull, it is not sharp or pointed.
A dull knife will not cut bread because the blade is not sharp.
If something is pointed, it has a sharp end.
A sharp pencil has a pointed end.
A pencil that has been used a lot, and hasn't been sharpened has a dull end.
Some things are soft.
A teddy bear is soft.
It feels good to touch.
Some things are hard.
A rock is hard.
Soft can also represent a noise level.
If you have a soft voice, it is not very loud.
If someone tells you to speak softly, they want you to speak quietly.
"Loud" is the word used to describe noises that hurt your ears.
A big truck will make a loud noise.
Sometimes your mother will tell you that your music is too loud.

Article #46 Fruit

Some fruit grows on trees.
Apples grow on trees.
You can get red, yellow or green apples.
Some apples are green until they ripen; then they turn red.
Peaches grow on trees.
Peaches have a fuzzy skin.
Cherries grow on trees.
You can climb a ladder and pick cherries from the tree.
Cherries and peaches have pits inside them.
The pits are not edible.
Pears also grow on trees.
Lemons grow on trees.
They are very sour.
Have you ever picked strawberries?
Strawberries do not grow on trees.
You have to bend down to pick strawberries.
Have you ever tried strawberry shortcake? It is very good.
Grapes grow on vines.
People use grapes to make wine.
There are many types of berries.
There are blackberries, blueberries, raspberries and cranberries, just to name a few.
Some fruits are more exotic.
There are mangos and papayas. They don't grow in Canada.
Bananas and oranges don't grow in a Canadian climate either, but we are able to buy them here.

Some fruits have to be peeled, and some can be eaten as they are.
It is always a good idea to wash fruit before you eat it.
The farmers spray the crops with pesticides to kill bugs, so it is good to wash that off.

Article #47 Bugs

Many people are afraid of bugs.
Some bugs do bad things like eating crops or clothes.
Some bugs, such as termites, even eat wood.
Other bugs can be good. Spiders catch flies.
Flies are not good because they carry germs.
Insects get caught in the web that the spider builds.
Ants get into homes and eat food.
Bees are good because honey comes from bees.
It is not good if you get stung by a bee.
A caterpillar turns into a butterfly. Butterflies can be very beautiful.
You can find grasshoppers outside on a sunny day. Grasshoppers hop through the grass.
Crickets make a noise by rubbing their legs together.
Dragonflies usually live near water. They have large, colourful wings.
Ladybugs are red with little black dots.
There are many types of beetles.
Nobody wants to have cockroaches in their house.
Centipedes have many legs.
Fleas get onto your pets and bite them. They make your dog or cat itchy.
Mosquitoes can make you itchy when they bite you.
Have you ever had a mosquito bite?

Article #48 The Kitchen

The kitchen is where we make and eat our meals.
There is a stove in the kitchen.
Inside the stove there is an oven where you bake things.
You can put a cake into the oven to bake.
On top of the stove are burners. The burners get hot.
You put pots or pans on the burners.
The refrigerator is where we store the food that needs to be kept cold.
We keep milk, eggs, cheese and vegetables in the refrigerator.
At the top of the refrigerator is the freezer.
The freezer keeps things frozen.
We have frozen vegetables, ice cream and ice cubes in the freezer.
We have a toaster in the kitchen. You put the bread in the toaster, and it turns into toast.
We have an electric kettle.
We boil water to make tea in the kettle.
There is a double sink in the kitchen. That is where we wash the dishes.
We turn on the hot tap, and put some dish detergent into the sink to wash the dishes.
Sometimes we put the dishes into the dishwasher, and the dishwasher washes the

dishes.
There are other things in the kitchen.
There are utensils like knives, forks and spoons.
There are tea towels and dish clothes.
There are oven mitts and pot holders to take hot things out of the oven.
There are pots to cook and boil things in.
There are pans to fry things.
We have dishes that we eat from.
We have plates for our dinner, and bowls that we can put our soup in.
We drink from cups, or coffee mugs, or glasses.
We keep our juice in a pitcher or a jug.
There is a timer that you can set when you are cooking. The timer buzzes when the food is ready.
We also have a microwave oven in the kitchen.
If we are in a hurry, we cook our food in the microwave.

Article #49 Vegetables

Vegetables are very good for you.
They say that you should have three servings of vegetables every day.
I like green peas.
Peas come in pods.
I also like snow peas.
You eat the pods on the snow peas.
I like corn when it is on the cob.
Carrots are good to eat raw.
Beans are good for you.
There are many different types of beans.
There are string beans, kidney beans, baked beans and lots of other types of beans.
Some people don't like green vegetables like broccoli and Brussels sprouts.
I like broccoli and Brussels sprouts.
You can make a salad and put lots of different vegetables into the salad.
In my salads, I like lettuce, tomatoes, celery, cucumber, radishes, cauliflower and spring onions.
I try to have a salad with dressing on it every day.
My dad likes root vegetables like beets and parsnips.
My brother will only eat potatoes.
He likes his potatoes baked.
My mother likes to buy her vegetables at the market.
She says they are fresher there.
My mother buys a lot of onions.
She puts onions in almost all the meals that she cooks.
Some children won't eat their vegetables.
I didn't like some vegetables at first, but I have become used to them.
I like having vegetables with my meals.

Article #50 Pets

There are many different animals that you can have for pets.
The most common pets are cats and dogs.
I think the second most common pets are birds and fish.
You can hug a cat or a dog.
You can play with a cat or a dog, but it is difficult to play with a bird or a fish.
Some birds are very smart, and they can be taught to do things.
Parrots are very clever.
Some of them even talk.
Birds usually stay in birdcages.
Fish have to stay in the water in a tank or a fishbowl.
Some people have gerbils or guinea pigs as pets.
There are even people who have ferrets as pets.
I have a friend who has a lizard for a pet.
She has to buy live crickets for her lizard to eat.
Another friend of mine has a pet snake.
I don't think I would like to have a pet snake.
There are different types of dogs.
Some dogs are very big,
and some are small.
A Labrador retriever is a big dog.
A poodle is usually a small dog, although there are some large poodles.
Some dogs are noisy, and they bark a lot.
Other dogs are quiet and obedient.
I once had a dog.
It was a cocker spaniel.
I used to take it for walks.
There are different types of cats too.
My favorite type of cat is a Siamese cat.
Siamese cats have blue eyes.
My mother had a Persian cat.
It was very furry.
My mother said that it used to shed fur all over the house.
Pets are a lot of fun, but they are a lot of work too.
To be a good pet owner, you have to be very responsible.

Article #51 Parties

Parties can be a lot of fun.
People get invited to parties.
You can have a party because it is a special occasion, or just because you want to have a party.
Sometimes, people wear paper hats at parties.
These are called party hats.
Some people decorate with streamers and balloons.
At some parties, there is a cake.

Sometimes, there are just snacks and drinks.
At some parties, people play games.
There are also parties where people just stand around and talk.
People wear different things to parties.
You can go to some parties in casual clothes.
At other parties, you need to be dressed up in good clothes.
There are other parties where you are supposed to wear a costume.
There are many different kinds of parties.
There are Christmas parties, birthday parties, going away parties, and parties for no reason at all.
I have been to parties for people who are retiring, or for people who have just had a new baby.
There are hundreds of reasons for having a party.
At some parties, you take a gift.
If it is a birthday party, then you take a gift and a birthday card to the person who is having the birthday.
Sometimes, people will ask you to bring food or drinks to the party.
All parties are different.
It is nice to be invited to parties.

Article #52 Grocery Shopping

What do you see when you go to the grocery store?
The aisles are filled with food.
There are also refrigerators and freezers filled with food.
There are sometimes things in bins in the middle of the aisles.
There are different departments in the grocery store.
There is the bakery.
In the bakery, there are sweet things such as cakes, pies, cookies and tarts.
There are also things that you would eat with your dinner like bread and buns.
There are other things in the bakery department like bagels and biscuits.
The baker works in the bakery.
There is the canned goods section.
This is where you might find sauces and soups.
Vegetables and fruits also come in cans.
There is the section for dairy products.
Here you would find milk and cream.
The dairy section would also have cheese and butter.
Yogurt is also found in the dairy section.
In the meat department, there is beef and pork.
Poultry is also found in the meat department.
Poultry is chicken, duck and goose.
There are also cold cuts in the meat department.
Cold cuts are the meats that are sliced up for sandwiches.
Some examples of cold cuts are ham and baloney.
The butcher works in the meat department.
The produce department is full of fruits and vegetables.

Clerks spray water on the fruit and vegetables to keep them fresh.
There is a section in the grocery store for personal hygiene.
This is where you would find shampoo and toothpaste.
Soap and skin products would also be in this section.
There is even a section for your pets.
You can buy cat food and dog food.
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There are toys for cats and dogs.

Article #53 Differences

Are you tall or short?
Are you big or small?
People come in many different shapes and sizes.
Some people wear size small clothes.
Other people wear size medium clothes.
There are people who wear large size clothes.
Some people even wear extra large clothes.
Some people are thin.
Some people are fat.
Some people are in between.
There are people with short hair.
Other people have long hair.
Some people have no hair at all.
No two people are exactly alike.
Some people have long legs.
I have short legs.
I don't walk as fast as a person with long legs.
I am not a tall person.
In fact, I am quite short.
My feet are a size seven.
My mother has size five feet.
My father has size twelve feet.
We are all different sizes.
It is not a bad thing.
It is a good thing that we are all unique.

Article #54 The Restaurant

When you go to a restaurant you might see a sign that says, "Please wait to be seated."
A host or hostess will ask you how many people are in your party.
Then they will want to know if you want to sit in the smoking or non-smoking section.
The host or hostess will take you to your seat.
You might sit at a table or at a booth.
The host or hostess will give you a menu to look at.
Sometimes, there are different menus for different meals.

There can be a breakfast menu, a lunch menu and a dinner menu.
Sometimes, there is also a wine list and a dessert menu.
The food and the prices of the food are listed on the menu.
On your table, there will be cutlery.
Cutlery is the knives, forks and spoons.
There will also be a napkin.
You are supposed to put your napkin on your lap when you eat.
Your waiter or waitress will take your order.
You might want an appetizer before your meal.
Some people want a salad or soup before their meal.
After your meal, you might have a dessert, or tea, or coffee.
When it is time to go, you will pay your bill and leave a tip for the waiter or waitress.

Article #55 Traffic

Traffic moves along on the streets and highways.
There are rules that drivers must follow to make the traffic flow smoothly.
You must wear a seatbelt.
The seatbelt helps to keep you safe.
You must stop at all stop signs.
You must also stop at a red light.
A green light means go, and a yellow light means to be careful.
If you see a sign that says school crossing, you have to be careful because you are near a school, and children might be crossing the street.
Some places are crosswalks.
Those are places where people cross the street.
People who are walking have the right of way.
If you hear a siren behind you, you must pull over.
An emergency vehicle like a police car or an ambulance might need to get somewhere fast.
When a school bus puts on its flashing signals, you have to stop.
You can't go past the school bus because children may be crossing the street from the bus.
You should always obey the speed limit.
It is not good to drive too fast.
People should never drink and drive.
Driving is a serious business.
You have to obey all the rules to be a good driver.

Article #56 Music (1)

If you were in an orchestra, what would you play?
Would you play a tuba, a trumpet or a saxophone?
Perhaps you would prefer a stringed instrument like a violin or a cello.
Maybe you would enjoy percussion more.
You could play the kettle drum.

There are instruments that have keyboards.
A piano and an organ have keyboards.
There are instruments that have strings on them.
A guitar, banjo and mandolin have strings on them.
There are instruments that you blow into.
A flute, a French horn and a harmonica are all instruments that you blow into.
There are instruments that you hit with a stick.
A drum and a cymbal are two things that you would hit with a stick.
If you are in an orchestra, you have to watch the conductor.
He will lead you through the piece of music.
You might just want to be in a band for fun.
You could join a rock band or a dance band.
Some people learn to read music.
Music notes are written on a staff.
Each note represents a sound.
There are whole notes, half notes, quarter notes and eighth notes.
Each one of these is held for a different number of beats.
It is good to learn about music.
You have to learn your scales, and learn about sharps and flats.
If you want to learn how to play an instrument, it is best to take music lessons.

Article #57 Who, What, Where and Why?

These are important words.
They are all words that begin questions.
"Who" is about a person.
Who is the girl with the blue dress on?
Who stole my watch?
Who will come with me to the game?
Who is driving us to the party?
"What" is about a thing.
What is that big thing on the sidewalk?
What should I do when I get to your house?
What kind of clothes should I wear to the party?
What shall I buy you for your birthday?
"Where" is about a place.
Where are you going for your vacation?
Where did I leave my glasses?
Where did my brother go?
Where on earth is Timmins?
"Why" is the word that asks for an explanation.
Why did you take the last piece of pie?
Why is the world round?
Why should I give you any money?
Why did the chicken cross the street?
They say that you should answer all of these questions if you are writing a story.
You have to give the who, what, where and why to write a good story.

Article #58 Which Direction?

Which direction should I go in?
Should I go up?
If I go up, I will head toward the sky.
I can go up the stairs.
Should I go down?
I can go down the stairs to the basement.
I can climb down into a hole.
Should I go left or right?
I am right-handed, so I know which way right is.
Should I go backwards?
I would be going away from the things that I am facing now if I went backwards.
If I went backwards from the thing that I am facing, I would go away from it.
If I went backwards from the thing that I am facing, I would go away from it.
Should I go forward?
I will just go straight ahead if I go forward.
If I am facing something and I go forward, then I will go toward the thing that I am facing.
Maybe I should go sideways, but which side, left or right?
It sounds very complicated, but it is not.
Directions are very easy to follow if you just stop and think about them.

Article #59 The Office

Some people work in an office.
There are special tools that people in an office need to do their work.
There is a computer in the office.
There is a telephone.
Most of the time, the secretary answers the telephone.
The secretary sits at a desk.
The secretary has pens and pencils on the desk.
The secretary writes on a note pad.
Some other things that you would find in an office would include the following: a stapler to staple pages together, a photocopier to copy pages, a pencil sharpener to sharpen pencils, a water cooler where the employees could get a drink of water, a hole punch to make holes in sheets of paper, and liquid paper which is used to blank out errors on a page.
Some offices have many employees in them.
All of the employees have their own desks.
Other offices just have one person at a desk.
In some offices, there is a secretary or a receptionist, and then there is the boss in another room.
There are often many important papers in an office.
Important papers can be called documents.
You might have to sign a document or fill out a form in an office.

Some offices have bookshelves filled with books.
The books are filled with information that the people in the office need.
You will have to visit an office sometime.
Maybe it will be a doctor's office or a lawyer's office.
There are many different types of offices.

Article #60 Money

I keep my money in the bank.
I have saved up my money.
I saved all my pennies in a jar.
A penny is only worth one cent.
I have nickels.
A nickel is worth five cents.
A dime is worth ten cents.
A quarter is worth twenty-five cents.
A quarter is a quarter of a dollar.
Four quarters make up a dollar.
A dollar is worth one hundred cents.
I saved up all of my dollars.
Our dollars used to be paper, but now they are coins.
We call our dollars loonies.
It is a funny name.
We also have two dollar coins.
We call those toonies.
We have five dollar bills and ten dollar bills.
If you are lucky you will have twenty dollar bills, fifty dollar bills and even hundred dollar bills.
Our bills in Canada are different colours. That makes them easy to recognize if you go somewhere to spend them.
It is wise to save your money.
If you save enough, you could have hundreds or thousands of dollars.

Article #61 Manners

It is good to be polite.
People like you more when you are polite.
Always say please and thank you.
If you ask for some milk, you should say, "Please, may I have a glass of milk?"
When someone gives you the milk, you should respond with "Thank you."
It is not difficult to be polite.
You should not push or shove people.
You should cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
You should address people properly.
If you are trying to get someone's attention, you would say, "excuse me."
You wouldn't say, "hey you."

There are table manners.
That is where you eat properly and politely at the dinner table.
You don't shove food into your mouth.
You don't reach over other people's plates.
You don't talk with your mouth full.
All of these things are common sense.
Being polite is mostly thinking about how you would like to be treated.
You wouldn't want people to be impolite to you.
It is not polite to point at people.
It is not polite to burp out loud.
It is not polite to use someone else's things without asking first.
Being polite just comes naturally if you have been brought up in a home where everyone was polite.

Article #62 The Two Sexes

There are two sexes or genders.
There is the male gender, and there is the female gender.
Males and females are different, both physically and mentally.
Humans are both male and female, and animals are both male and female.
If you have a dog, it is either a girl dog or a boy dog.
Boys grow up to be men.
Men grow hair on their faces.
Men are usually more muscular than women.
Men dress differently than women.
Men are males.
Males are masculine.
Girls grow up to be women.
Only women can have babies.
Women are females.
Females are feminine.
Another word for women is ladies.
It is good that we have males and females.
Your father is a male.
Your grandfather, brother and uncle are males.
Your mother is a female.
Your grandmother, sister and aunt are females.

Article #63 Me

I am special.
Nobody in the world is exactly like I am.
They might have the same colour hair and eyes that I do, but they are not exactly like me.
I am the only person in the world who thinks my thoughts.
No two people in the world are exactly alike.
It is good to be your own person.

It is good to be creative and be natural.
People have to follow the laws and the rules.
People should always be kind to others.
I try to follow all the rules.
I am kind to others.
I am a lot like many other people, yet I am different.
I am like my friend Jane, but she has red hair and I have dark hair.
She has a loud voice, and I have a soft voice.
She likes to eat vegetables, and I do not.
Jane and I are the same height.
We both like movies, and we are both afraid of spiders.
We wear the same size shoes, and we both have the same favorite colour.
We are best friends, but sometimes we disagree about things.
We are alike in many ways, and different in many ways.
If we were all exactly the same, the world would be a very boring place.
I am myself, and I am glad that I am special.
You are special too.
Use your own special talents, and take the time to meet other people.
The world is made up of a lot of different people; that's what makes life exciting.

Article #64 My Cat

I got my cat when she was just a tiny kitten.
I named her Puff because her fur is soft and fluffy.
She has white fur, but her tail, paws and ears are black.
She has a little pink nose and yellow eyes.
She says "meow" whenever she wants a bowl of milk.
I feed her cat food and treats.
She washes her face with her paw when she is finished eating.
My whole family loves her, and we can tell that she loves us.
She loves to curl up in our laps.
She purrs whenever we pet her.
She is very playful.
We sometimes roll up a piece of paper and throw it to her.
She loves to chase the paper and hit it with her paws.
She also chases bugs.
Last night she chased a spider, but she was afraid to touch it.
At night she curls up in my bed with me.
She likes to be warm.
I have given her a blanket of her own, but when I put her on it her tail twitches.
Her tail twitches whenever she is upset or angry.
I know that she doesn't want to be on her blanket.
She wants to be in my bed.
I let her into my bed, and she falls asleep purring loudly.

Article #65 Music (2)

My family is very musical.
My father plays the guitar.
He plays in a band.
The band plays country music.
My mother is a singer in the band.
She also plays the piano.
I took the flute in music class at school.
I play the flute in the school band.
I also sing in the school choir.
I have a low voice.
My sister has a high voice.
She is a soprano.
At home I like to practice the drums, but my mother says that it is too loud.
Sometimes I play so loudly that I break a drumstick.
I practice whenever she goes out.
I would like to be in a rock band.
Some of my friends and I are thinking of starting our own rock band.
My sister is a very good piano player.
She has won many awards at music festivals.
She likes to play classical music, but sometimes I get her to play rock music with me.
She is also a very good singer.
I like to sing with her.
We sing in harmony.
I listen to music all the time on the radio.
I know a lot of songs.
I can sing along with most of the songs that come on the radio.
I memorize the lyrics of the songs.
My sister and I sometimes get together and sing our favorite songs.
Maybe someday we will start our own rock band, and I will be the drummer.

Article #66 Spring

It rains a lot in the spring.
The trees are full of buds, and the flowers are starting to bloom.
My favorite spring flowers are tulips and daffodils.
The birds come back from the south.
I can always tell that spring is here when I see my first robin of the season.
The robins pull worms from the wet ground.
When it isn't raining, my friends and I go outside and toss a ball around.
We look forward to the summer, but we are glad to get outside after the long winter.
The air smells so fresh in the spring.
My mother always tells me not to track mud into the house.
It's very muddy in our yard in the springtime.
I wipe my muddy feet before I go into the house.
There are a lot of puddles in my yard.

I sometimes splash in the puddles, and I get wet and cold, so I have to go into the house.
I like it when the snow has melted, the rain has stopped, and the sun comes out.
On sunny days I always get together with my friends.
On those days we either ride our bikes or play ball.
My parents like to go for walks on spring evenings.
They also like to clean up the yard in the spring.
Everyone seems to be outside.
The springtime brings people out of their houses.

Article #67 The Birthday Party

Yesterday I went to a birthday party.
My friend Jane had her tenth birthday.
Her house was decorated with balloons and streamers.
Her mother had baked a big birthday cake.
The cake had "Happy tenth birthday Jane" written on it.
There were ten candles on the cake.
Jane blew out the candles and made a wish.
I wonder what she wished for.
Your wish won't come true if you tell anyone what it was.
We sang "Happy birthday to you."
At the party we played some games.
I won one of games so I got a prize.
We also swam in Jane's swimming pool.
Jane opened her gifts.
Her gifts were wrapped in bright paper and bows.
She got lots of nice gifts.
She got some compact discs, some clothes and some computer games.
Jane thanked everyone.
We ate a lot of food at Jane's party.
We had hot dogs.
I put mustard and ketchup on my hot dog.
Then we ate cake and ice cream.
We had pop to drink.
I think I had too much cake and ice cream.
I was very full by the time the party was over.
We thanked Jane and her mother before we all went home.
It was a very good party.
Everyone had a good time.
I hope Jane had a happy tenth birthday.

Article #68 My Classroom

My classroom is a large room.
It is full of brightly coloured pictures.
My teacher hangs pictures up all over the walls.

There are blackboards at the front of the room.
My teacher always has writing all over the blackboards.
Sometimes the chalk squeaks when she writes on the blackboard.
We cover our ears when that happens.
Our classroom is full of desks.
There are a lot of students in our class.
Our desks are full of books, notebooks and pens.
I try to keep my desk neat, but I have a lot of things in there.
My ruler and pencils are always falling out of my desk.
At the back of the room is a bookcase full of books.
We can sign those books out and take them home to read.
I have read a lot of the books.
I like mysteries and biographies, so I have taken many of those home.
There are also tables at the back of the room.
That is where we do our artwork.
We spread out big sheets of paper, and we use paints or crayons to make pictures.
Sometimes we cut things out of magazines with scissors and we glue pictures to the paper.
I like art class.
After school, my friends and I often erase the blackboards for the teacher.
Then we take the erasers outside and clap them together to get the chalk dust out of them.
My friends and I walk home together and talk about what we did in school and what we're going to do after supper.

Article #69

Vacation

My family and I went on vacation to Lake Huron.
The water is beautiful and blue there, and the sand is nice and white.
The week that we were there was very hot.
The sun was hot, but the water was still very cold.
I went swimming and tried to catch little fish in my hands.
I was careful not to get sunburned.
We stayed at a hotel that had a pool and a game room.
I played pinball and video games sometimes.
I liked to swim in the hotel pool, but I liked the beach better.
I would lie on a big beach towel and get warm; then I would jump in the water and cool off.
Sometimes I would just lie on the sand and watch the waves roll up on the shore.
I found some seashells, and I saw a crab walking on the sand.
At first I was a bit lonely because I didn't know anyone there.
It wasn't long before I met some other kids my age.
We built sandcastles together and swam in the lake.
The other kids were from different towns, so we told each other stories about our schools and friends.
We found that we had a lot in common even though we were from different places.
Our families got together and went to restaurants together.

We played volleyball on the beach, and we sat around a campfire at night and sang songs.
At the campfire we would roast marshmallows on a stick.
I always burn my marshmallows.
That is okay.
I like them that way.
Mostly we just swam in the lake until we were very tired.
I was sorry when our vacation was over.
I had a good time at Lake Huron.
I met some very good friends there.
We still write to each other.
Maybe we'll see each other next summer.

Article #70 My House (1)

I live in a two-storey house.
The bottom of the house is painted white.
The upper part of the house is made of red brick.
The chimney is also made of red brick.
If you go through the front door and turn right you'll see the living room.
The living room is very large and comfortable.
There are easy chairs, a coffee table and a sofa in there.
I like to sit in there and relax.
Next to the living room is the dining room.
There are a dining table and chairs in there.
We use this room whenever we have visitors over for dinner.
Beside the dining room is the kitchen.
The kitchen has a stove and a refrigerator in it.
There is also a kitchen table with some benches at it.
Most of the time we eat in the kitchen.
Upstairs there are three bedrooms.
My parents' bedroom is very big.
They have a large queen sized bed in there, and there are two closets for their clothes.
My room is smaller.
My room is painted pink, and I have ruffled curtains on the windows.
From my bedroom window you can see the front yard.
There is a pine tree in the front yard.
My brother's bedroom is painted blue.
He has blinds on the windows.
He has a bunk bed in his room.
If he has a friend stay over, one of them can sleep on the top bunk, and the other one can sleep on the bottom bunk.
He can see the back yard from his bedroom window.
There are rose bushes and a picnic table in the back yard.
There is also a white fence that has gate in it.
In the basement there is a recreation room.
This is where we watch television and have friends over to visit.

The laundry room is also in the basement.
There are a washing machine and a dryer in there.
Beside our house is a garage.
We keep the car in the garage whenever the weather is bad.
Our house is just the right size for our family.
Friends are always welcome at our house.

Article #71 My Family

My grandparents are coming to visit us from Calgary, Alberta.
My father is very happy because they are his parents, and he is glad that he will see them.
We don't see them very often because Calgary is a long way from Toronto.
My grandparents have two sons: my father and my Uncle Bill.
Uncle Bill is married to my Aunt Susan.
They have a daughter who is my cousin.
My cousin is a lot older than I, so we do not have a lot in common.
They also have a son who is the same age as me.
He is my favorite cousin because we both like the same television shows and the same games.
I have two brothers and one sister.
My brothers are both younger than I.
They are twins, so they have the same birthday.
My sister is one year older than I.
People say that my sister and I look alike.
We both have blonde hair and blue eyes.
My mother's parents live near us.
They are the grandmother and grandfather who visit us often.
My mother does not have any brothers or sisters.
She is an only child.
I like it when all my family is together.
I don't have a lot of cousins like some people do, but I have fun with my relatives.
My uncle will often take my cousin and me to the movies.
I like to take my grandparents for walks so that they can see my school, and they can meet my friends.
My parents talk to my brothers, my sister and I a lot.
We are a very close-knit family.
People who have close families are very lucky.

Article #72 Winter

Once the fall is over and the snowflakes start to fall I get very excited.
I can hardly wait for the ground to be covered with a blanket of white snow.
I put on my mittens, my scarf, my hat, coat and winter boots, and I run out into the fluffy snow.
I have to be careful not to slip on the ice.
It can get very icy and cold in the winter.

The first thing that I do is to build a snowman.
I sometimes build a snow fort too.
My friends and I like to have a good snowball fight.
We laugh a lot, and our cheeks and noses get very red.
When we get too cold, we go into the house and have a cup of hot chocolate.
My father fills the backyard with water that freezes and turns into an ice rink.
When the ice is hard enough, my friends and I get our skates and we go out on the ice to play hockey.
All of my friends own hockey sticks.
I am usually the goalie, and I have to keep the puck from going into the net.
My sister and her friends don't really like to play hockey.
They would rather just skate around on the ice.
I took skating lessons, so I don't usually fall down.
My little brother is just learning to skate, so he falls down a lot.
My father has to shovel the snow off the paths and the driveway in the winter.
I help him.
Shovelling snow is hard work.
When my Dad and I finish shovelling the driveway, we go into the house and warm our hands and feet in front of the fireplace.
There is probably nothing more beautiful than fresh fallen snow on the trees.
In the morning, when the sun shines on the snow, it glistens.
I like to leave my footprints in the snow.
Winter can be very beautiful and exciting.

Article #73 Autumn

Some people call autumn the "fall."
You can call it either one.
Autumn is the time when the leaves change colour.
They change from green to beautiful shades of gold, orange and red.
It looks like an artist has come along and painted all the trees.
The air starts to get a little cooler in the autumn.
We begin to wear jackets or sweaters.
We go back to school in the autumn.
The teacher sometimes gets us to make leaf collections.
We collect different types of leaves and make a display of them.
Autumn is the time when old friends get back together and talk about what they did on their summer vacations.
Halloween comes in the autumn.
We dress up in costumes.
Some of them are scary, and some of them are funny.
We go from door to door and say "Trick or treat" and people give us candies.
We wear masks on our faces, and we have a lot of fun.
The autumn winds start to blow.
The wind blows the leaves right off the trees until the trees have bare branches.
My friends and I like to have a lot of fun outside before the winter leaves us shivering.
We play football and soccer at school.

After school, we ride our bikes through piles of dry leaves.
The leaves go flying through the air as we drive through them.
My parents rake the leaves up and put them in big pile.
I like to jump in the big piles of leaves, but then my parents just have to rake them up again.
The skies get a little cloudier in the autumn, and we know that soon there will be snow, so we enjoy the brisk autumn weather while we can

Article #74 Summer

Yahoo! School is over!
We are free for the summer.
My friends and I run out on the last day of school into the bright summer sun.
We sing a song about "no more pencils, no more books."
We can hardly wait to do all the summer things that we like to do.
We go swimming, we play baseball, we ride our bikes and we go to the beach.
We go on vacations, or some of us go to summer camp.
It is just nice to run barefoot through the grass or lie on your back and look up at the clouds.
Summer days are lazy days.
We don't have to do school work.
We listen to the buzzing of the bees.
We watch the birds as they fly from tree to tree.
We go down to the pond and toss rocks into the water.
We eat ice cream, and we have barbecues.
Some of my friend's parents have boats, so we go for rides in their boats.
Some of my friends go to their cottages.
They have cottages on lakes.
Some of my friends even have summer jobs.
My best friend works at the supermarket.
My father pays me to do jobs for him.
I cut the grass, take out the garbage and wash the car.
I like to be outside in the sunshine.
On Sundays, my mother will pack a picnic lunch, and we go down to the park.
Sometimes we play baseball.
There is also a tennis court at the park.
I am a very good tennis player.
My sister just likes to swing on the swings and slide down the slide.
We eat our sandwiches and watch out for the ants that always seem to be at picnics.
After we have our lunch, my sister and I run off to play with the other children.
My Dad has a nap, and my Mother reads her book.
My skin gets brown from the sun in the summer.
Summer is my favorite season.
I like the sounds, smells and feelings that come with the summer sun.
Summer is a lot of fun.
I wish summer could go on forever.

Article #75 The Doctor

I didn't feel very well last week.
I had a sore throat and a fever.
My mother took me to see the doctor.
When we got there, the nurse took my name and said that the doctor would be with me soon.
The doctor was a very nice man in a white jacket.
I had seen the doctor before when I had my tonsils out at the hospital.
The doctor took a light and looked in my ears.
He put a stick on my tongue, and he shone his light into my mouth.
He looked at my throat.
He said that my throat was a bit swollen and red.
He felt my neck and said that my glands were swollen.
He took my temperature and said that it was quite high.
He listened to my heart, and he made me cough.
He asked me some questions.
He said that he might have to do some tests.
He sent me to get some blood taken out of my arm.
I was scared, but it didn't really hurt.
The doctor gave me some pills and told me to take one in the morning and one at night.
He told me to drink a lot of fluids.
He told me to get plenty of sleep.
I did exactly what the doctor told me to do.
It wasn't very long before I was feeling well again.
I think that I might like to be a doctor when I grow up.
I would like to make people feel better.

Article #76 The Dentist

My friend's father is a dentist.
He has an office near my house.
I went to see him on Thursday.
His nurse told me to sit in a very big chair.
She tied a bib under my chin.
The dentist came in.
He examined my teeth with some shiny silver tools.
He looked at my front teeth and my back teeth.
He told me that the back teeth were called molars.
He told me to "open wide."
He had a little mirror that he used to look at my teeth.
He said that I had good strong teeth.
He told me that I didn't have any cavities.
I told him that I didn't eat a lot of candies and that I always brushed my teeth after every meal.
He said that was very good.

He asked me if I flossed my teeth, and I said, "Yes, I use dental floss every day."
He told me that my teeth were healthy because I took very good care of them.
He left and told me to keep up the good work.
The dental hygienist came in, and she said that she would clean my teeth for me.
She scraped my teeth with a sharp tool, and then she put some polish on my teeth and began to clean them.
When she was done, she told me to spit into a bowl, and then I rinsed my mouth out with water.
I looked into a mirror and saw that my teeth were very shiny and white.
If I take care of my teeth, I'll have them forever.
I would like to keep my teeth healthy and white.
I like to smile.

Article #77 The School Play

We are putting on a play at school.
Some of the students are actors in the play.
Some people are building the sets.
Some people will sew costumes, and some people will be makeup artists.
The teacher is the director of the play.
The play will be held on a big stage in the gymnasium.
The curtains will open, the lights will go on, and the play will begin.
It will be very exciting.
All of our families will come to see the play.
They will clap when the play is over.
My friend is very good at cutting wood and building things.
He is helping to build the set.
My other friend, Michael, is an artist, so he is painting the set so that it looks like a forest.
My friend Marie likes to put makeup on people, so she is a makeup artist.
She will put makeup on me so that I will look like an old woman.
Some of the mothers helped to sew the costumes.
The play is called "Hansel and Gretel."
I will play the part of the witch.
The boy who plays Hansel has to wear shorts and a shirt.
I wear a witch's hat and a black dress.
I also carry a broom.
Some of the people in my class will be dressed like trees and flowers.
This is a musical play, and the trees and flowers will sing to Hansel and Gretel as they walk through the forest.
I can hardly wait for opening night.
I want my family and friends to see me acting on stage.
I hope that they like the play.
We have all learned our lines and worked very hard at making this play a success.

Article #78 Emotions

Do you ever think about your emotions?
What kinds of things make you sad?
I get sad when I get a bad mark in school, or when someone that I like moves away.
I sometimes see sad movies that make me cry.
I don't like to be sad.
I don't like to have a frown on my face.
I like to be happy.
I am happy most of the time.
Parties make me happy.
Being with my friends makes me happy.
Lots of things make me happy.
If someone tells me a joke, I laugh.
I enjoy laughing.
Funny movies make me laugh.
I think that people look the best when they smile.
What kinds of things make you mad?
I get mad when my brother breaks one of my toys.
I try not to show it when I get mad.
My parents get mad at me if I come home late.
I don't think anger is a good emotion.
It is best to stay calm and talk things over.
Emotions come from inside you, but they show on your face.
People can tell when you are mad, or sad or happy.
I prefer to look happy.
Sometimes I even smile when I am feeling sad, and the smile makes me feel a little better.

Article #79 My First Job

I just got a job at the grocery store.
This is my first job.
I will receive a pay cheque every two weeks.
I wear a uniform.
The uniform has the name of the grocery store on it.
I have many jobs at the grocery store.
I have to collect all the carts from the parking lot and bring them back into the store.
I have to put all the produce out for the people to see.
I will be putting out the vegetables.
There are carrots, lettuce, cabbages, cucumbers and beans to put out this morning.
I also have to put the fruit out on the stands so that it looks nice.
The oranges roll away when I put them out, so I have to be careful.
I put out the apples, bananas and grapes.
I stack boxes up so that people can buy cereal and cookies.
I have to be careful, or the boxes will fall.
There are cans of things which also need to be placed on the shelves.

Article #80 The Lie

Yesterday I told a lie.
I don't feel very good about it.
I was bouncing a ball in the kitchen, and the ball bounced up and broke a cup.
It was one of my mother's best cups, so I was afraid that she would be mad.
I put the broken cup back on the table, and I didn't tell anyone that I had broken it.
That night, my mother asked who had broken the cup.
My brother said, "not me."
My sister said, "I didn't do it."
I said, "I didn't break the cup," but I was lying.
My mother said that we would all be punished, if someone didn't tell the truth and say who broke the cup.
I still did not tell her that I had broken it.
She gave us one more chance, and said that she wasn't mad about the cup; she just wanted us to be honest.
I still didn't say anything.
My brother, sister and I all got sent to our rooms.
We had to stay in our rooms all morning.
My brother said that it wasn't fair.
I felt very bad because my brother and sister were being punished because of me.
I went to my mother and told her that I had broken the cup.
She said that she was not upset about the broken cup.
She knew that it was an accident.
She was disappointed in me because I hadn't come forward and told the truth.
She said that she wouldn't have punished me if I had been honest with her.
I told my brother and sister that I was sorry.
I felt bad because they were punished because I was dishonest.
I told my mother that I was sorry that I had lied to her.
I told her that I had learned a lesson.
Honesty is the best policy.
It is better to tell the truth.
It is not a good feeling when people don't trust you.
I have learned that lying just hurts people.
Sometimes it is hard to be honest, but it is the best way to be.

Article #81 Hobbies

A lot of people have hobbies.
Hobbies are interesting things that people like to do in their spare time.
My father has a hobby.
He has a model railroad set that he put together.
A tiny electric train runs through make-believe villages and travels through tunnels and over mountains.
My father also enjoys sailing.
He has a real sailboat that he takes us out on.
He is teaching me how to sail.
I like to collect things.

I collect comic books, stamps and coins.
I trade comic books with some of my friends, and sometimes I buy comic books at stores.
Some of the very old comic books are worth a lot of money.
I have stamps from all over the world.
Whenever any of my friends get a letter from a faraway place, they save the stamps for me.
I have stamps from England, Japan, Australia and even Russia.
I use a magnifying glass to look at the stamps, and I keep them in a special album.
I don't have too many coins yet, but I have a very old dime from Canada, and I have a coin with a hole in it from Africa.
My mother used to collect dolls when she was a little girl.
The dolls wore costumes from different countries.
My friend John's hobby is painting.
He does oil painting.
He has even sold some of his paintings.
He is a good artist.
My friend Linda sews.
She has made clothes for herself and some of her friends.
Maybe Linda will be a fashion designer when she gets older.
Sometimes people's hobbies lead them into their careers.

Article #82 Christmas

In December, Christmas comes.
We get a holiday from school, and our parents get a few days off from work.
Our family gets ready for Christmas by decorating the house.
We decorate inside and out.
On the outside of the house we put up lights that twinkle and glow.
We have a wooden Santa Claus and reindeer set that my father puts up on the roof.
Inside, we put up a Christmas tree.
Some years we have a real tree.
Real pine trees smell nice, but you have to be careful that they don't dry out and start a fire.
This year we have an artificial tree.
We hang tinsel and ornaments on the tree.
We also hang strands of lights on the tree and put a star at the top.
Everyone thinks that the tree is beautiful when we turn on the lights.
We place gifts under the tree.
There is a gift for me under the tree.
It is wrapped in red paper, and it has a big green bow on it.
Red and green are the Christmas colours.
On Christmas Eve, my brother and sister and I will hang our stockings near the fireplace.
Santa Claus comes down the chimney and fills our stockings full of toys and goodies.
On Christmas morning, it is exciting to see what Santa has left for you.
My mother will make a big turkey dinner for us on Christmas day.
We will have lots of vegetables and good tasting foods to go with the turkey.
We will have dessert too.

Some of my family like Christmas pudding, but I will just have ice cream.
Last year some carolers came to the door.
It was snowing outside.
They stood in the snow and sang Christmas carols to us.
My father gave them some money, and my mother gave them some hot chocolate to warm them up.
They had lovely voices, and they sang some of my favorite carols.
We also collect food, gifts and money for some of the people in town who cannot afford to have Christmas.
My family is collecting things for a poor family who live near here.
We had fun deciding which toys to buy for the children in that family.
It is a good feeling to share with people who do not have as much as you do.
My parents have always taught us that Christmas is a time for giving, not receiving.
I think they're right.

Article #83 Garden

The garden is very interesting.
I sometimes go outside and I watch all the things that go on in the garden.
It smells wonderful in the flower garden.
There are red, white, pink and yellow roses that have a sweet smell.
I watch the bees as they take pollen from the roses.
There are tiny bugs that live on the rose bushes.
My mother tries to get rid of the little bugs, but it is difficult to get rid of them.
She is glad to see the red ladybugs, who eat the little bugs.
The birds like the sunflowers.
They like to eat sunflower seeds.
There is a birdbath in the garden.
The blackbirds and swallows go in there to take a drink or have a bath.
I sometimes see a robin or a bluejay in there too.
In the dirt there are little holes where the ants go in and out.
The ants are hard workers.
I watch them as they work together as a team to bring food to their nests.
There are snails in the garden too.
They carry their homes on their backs.
They move slowly and leave a silvery trail as they go.
They eat the leaves from my mother's plants.
My mother also has vegetables growing in her garden.
She grows green peas.
We like to pick those and eat the peas raw, right out of their pods.
She grows lettuce and tomatoes too.
We have so many tomatoes that we always give some to our neighbours.
My mother sends us outside to pick lettuce and tomatoes whenever we have a salad.
My favorite vegetables are carrots.
Their tops grow above the earth, but the carrots are below the dirt.
When you pick them, you have to pull the carrots out from under the soil.
Weeds also grow in the garden.

After a good rainfall, it seems that the weeds just spring up.
I pull the weeds out by their roots so that they won't grow back.
Weeds choke the good plants, so we don't want them in our garden.
Gardening is a good hobby.
You get fresh air, sunshine and exercise.
You even get beautiful, colourful flowers and nice fresh food.

Article #84 The Pet Store

On Saturday, my parents took us to the pet store.
They had everything that you would need if you had a pet.
They had dog food, collars and leashes for dogs.
They had treats to give your dog, and brushes to brush your dog.
For cats, they had food, toys, and litter boxes.
For birds, they had seed and cages.
There was a section for fish.
They had fish in big tanks and little bowls.
In the big tanks, there were colourful fish swimming around.
The girl who worked there said that they were tropical fish.
There were goldfish in the smaller fishbowls.
I saw the girl get a goldfish out with a little net.
She sold it to a boy who said he had another goldfish at home.
There was a very large cage with a parrot in it.
I walked up to the cage, and the parrot said "hello."
I was surprised that the parrot could talk.
It could say a few things.
It said, "I love you," "pretty bird," and "bye-bye."
I told my mother that I would like a parrot, but she said that parrots need a lot of care and attention.
At the back of the store there were some puppies.
They seemed glad to see me.
I stuck my hand into the cage, and one of them licked my hand.
They were very lively.
They were running around and chasing their own tails.
In the next cage there were two kittens.
One of them was playing with a toy, and the other one was asleep.
The kittens were very small.
The one that was sleeping was curled up into a ball.
I couldn't even see her face.
I didn't want to leave the pet store.
I was wishing that I could take all of the animals home with me.

Article #85 My First Day of School

I remember my first day of school.
I was excited, but I was afraid.

I held my mother's hand as we walked to the school.
When we got near the school, I wouldn't let her hold my hand anymore.
I didn't want to look like a baby.
We got to the school.
The school looked very big and frightening.
There were children outside on the playground.
They all looked very big.
I looked at them, and some of them looked at me.
I felt very small.
My mother and I went into the school and found the kindergarten room.
There were children in there.
Most of them were the same size as me.
My mother spoke to the kindergarten teacher.
The teacher was very nice.
She said my name, and she introduced me to some of the other children.
I already knew some of the children because they lived near me.
I began to play with some of the things that were in the classroom.
There were toy trucks, colouring books, and even a doll house.
I soon forgot to be scared, and I began to play with the other children.
I didn't even notice that my mother had left the room.
In school we sang songs, played some games and listened as the teacher read us a story.
I had a lot of fun on my first day of school.
I even drew a picture of my teacher.
I took the picture home, and my mother put it on the refrigerator.
I like school.
It is a good place to meet new friends and learn all about the world.

Article #86 Transportation (2)

People move from place to place.
There are lots of ways that you can move around from one place to another.
Sometimes you can just move your feet and walk.
Walking is good for you.
Some places are too far to walk to.
You might have to ride a bicycle or ride on a skateboard.
Some places are too far away to ride your bicycle to.
You might have to drive in a car, or a van, or even a truck.
My father has a car.
My uncle has a van.
I have never been in a big truck.
Trucks are usually used to carry big loads from one city to another.
I would like to be a truck driver.
I would travel all over and sit high up in the cab.
I have been in a taxi cab.
Once, my mother and I took a taxi to the hospital.
There was a special meter in the taxi.
When we finished our taxi ride, the driver looked at the meter to find out how much

money we owed him.
I once rode a horse.
I sat in the saddle and held on tight to the reins.
The horse ran very fast.
It was a bumpy ride, and I was afraid that I would fall off the horse.
Not too many people around here use horses for transportation.
They used to use horses for transportation in the old days.
If you want to travel very far away, you have to go on a train, a plane, or a boat.
If you are in a hurry, it is best to take a plane.
Planes fly through the air very fast.
Trains go along the tracks.
Sometimes I can hear the train whistle from my house.
Boats take a long time to cross the ocean.
Great big boats that cross the oceans are called ships.
If you like to take it easy and look out at the water, then ships are a good way to travel.
They say that the world is a lot smaller now because of transportation.
People can travel to all parts of the world quickly and easily.
The world is not really smaller, but it has become easy to get to faraway places.

Article #87 Television

Do you watch television?
My mother says that I watch too much television.
I watch cartoons on Saturday mornings.
Cartoons make me laugh.
My brother and I each have our favorite cartoons.
We have trouble deciding which cartoons we will watch.
On Saturday afternoons we like to watch sports.
My brother really likes to watch baseball, but usually my mother tells us to go out and play on a Saturday afternoon.
On week nights we have our own favorite shows.
I like shows about outer space and monsters.
My brother likes comedies.
He likes to laugh.
My mother likes shows about real life situations.
She likes to watch the news.
She says that the news is important.
She watches the news and weather to find out what is going on in the world.
Sometimes she watches real life shows about doctors or policemen.
My father doesn't watch television.
He says that he would rather read a good book or the newspaper.
My dad gets all his news from the newspaper.
My favorite thing is to sit in front of the television with a bag of popcorn and a bottle of pop.
I sit there and change the channels with the remote control.
I change channels and watch a few different shows at once.
My mother won't let me watch too much television.

She doesn't want me to get lazy.
Television is good if you don't spend too much time watching it.
You can learn a lot from television if you watch the educational channels.
I learned about dinosaurs and rainforests last week just from watching television.

Article #88 My Country

I live in Canada.
It is a very large country that is made up of ten provinces and three territories.
Most of the provinces and territories are quite unique.
For example, in Saskatchewan the land is flat, and it is not surrounded by water.
They grow wheat in Saskatchewan.
British Columbia has mountains.
I have never been to British Columbia, but I hear that it is very beautiful.
Nova Scotia is on the Atlantic Ocean, so there are many fishermen out there.
The people in the provinces are even different from each other.
In Quebec, many of the people speak French.
In the Maritime Provinces, the people like to play their own kind of music.
They play fiddles and accordions, and many of them dance very well.
Nunavut is in the north, so life is quite different there.
The people who live in the new territory of Nunavut are very close to wildlife.
They do a lot of hunting and fishing.
It can get very cold up in the Arctic where Nunavut is.
I live in Ontario.
Even within Ontario life can be quite different.
The capital of Ontario is Toronto.
Toronto is a very busy city with lots of apartments, offices and shops.
Toronto is an exciting place, and it has a lot to offer.
There are theatres and restaurants to suit every taste.
The culture in Toronto is very diverse.
If you drive a few miles north of Toronto, you will find places that are tranquil and peaceful.
Many people leave Toronto on the weekends and drive to their cottages where they find rest and relaxation.
Canada is made up of many different cultures.
People of many different ethnic backgrounds live in harmony in Canada.
That is why I like Canada.
In Canada we celebrate our differences.

Article #89 Food

What kinds of food do you like to eat?
I am lucky, because in Canada there are many foods to choose from.
I like to eat hot dogs, hamburgers, and steak.
These are all meat products.
I also like cheese, ice cream and yogurt.

These are all dairy products.
I like vegetables.
My favorite vegetables are broccoli, cabbage, carrots and peas.
I eat a lot of fruit.
I eat whichever fruit is in season.
In strawberry season, I eat a lot of strawberries.
In peach season, I eat many peaches.
Sometimes, my mother will make a peach pie.
Many different crops grow in Canada.
We have many orchards and farms.
Fresh fruit and vegetables are plentiful in Canada.
Meat and fish are also plentiful here.
In Canada, we have a lot of different foods to choose from.
In my city, there are a lot of Italian restaurants.
My favorite food at the Italian restaurant is pizza.
My parents would rather have spaghetti or lasagne.
There are Greek restaurants, Mexican restaurants and Chinese restaurants; in fact, there are restaurants from most cultures.
I can go around from restaurant to restaurant and pretend that I am traveling the world and trying all the different foods from around the world.
Sometimes I eat things that aren't good for me.
I eat potato chips and candies.
These foods aren't part of a nutritious diet, but they are fun to eat.

Article #90 The Zoo

My class took a trip to the Toronto Zoo.
I had a wonderful time there.
My favorite animals were the lions.
They look very powerful and strong.
They say that the lion is the king of the forest, and I think that title suits him.
The monkeys were funny.
They were looking at us just as much as we looked at them.
They were swinging from branches and doing tricks to impress us.
There was a baby monkey that was clinging to its mother's back. It was very cute.
The tigers were pacing back and forth.
They seemed restless.
The stripes on a tiger are very beautiful.
We watched the tall giraffes as they nibbled leaves off the tallest trees.
We spoke to a colourful parrot that spoke back to us.
We saw exotic animals that we had never seen before.
Some of them were very strange.
There were different types of bears there.
There were black bears.
I saw a black bear once when I was camping up north.
We saw polar bears.
Polar bears are white.

They like the cold.
We even saw panda bears.
One of my friends bought a toy panda bear from the gift shop because she thought that the pandas were so cute.
We saw slithery snakes.
Some of the snakes had very bright skins.
Most of the girls were afraid of the snakes.
The zoo keeper was looking after the snakes, and one of them hissed at him.
He has to be very careful when he works with the snakes.
The last thing that we saw at the zoo was the elephant.
He was enormous.
He looked at us; then he raised his trunk and made a loud sound.
It made us jump.

Article #91 The Museum

The museum was very interesting.
There were so many things in the museum that I would need more time to really see everything.
There were clothes from the past.
I don't know how people wore some of those things.
They look like they would be uncomfortable.
I like to wear my jeans.
There were things from wars.
There were bullets, and cannons and even uniforms from the soldiers.
I don't think that war is a good thing, but it is good to remember the past and honour the people who died for your country.
There was an old fire truck at the museum.
This fire truck was pulled by a horse.
There were some very old photographs of the firemen putting out fires.
There were rooms in the museum that were set up like an old house.
There were antique irons and sewing machines.
The women used to clean the clothes with a washboard.
There were no modern appliances back then.
I'm glad that we have electricity and modern appliances.
The things that we have make life so much easier.
There were mummies from Egypt at the museum.
I was fascinated by those.
There were artifacts from the Indians.
There were arrowheads and cradles that the babies slept in.
I tried my best to see everything, but it was almost impossible.
The museum is a good place to learn about your past.
I tried to imagine my grandparents using some of the things that were on display at the museum.

Article #92 The Police

My mother always told me that if I was lost I could go up to a policeman and that he would help me to find my way home.
I never did get lost, but I always remembered what my mother told me about the police.
I think policemen look very nice in their uniforms.
I see police officers drive by in their police cars.
In my town we even have police officers on bicycles.
Policemen and policewomen have a job that can sometimes be dangerous.
They have to catch people who break the law.
Sometimes, they have to chase people or try to calm people down.
To be a police officer you need a lot of training.
It is important to be able to deal with people effectively.
A police officer came to our school.
He had a police dog with him.
The officer showed us how the dog could track down criminals.
The dog was very smart.
He could even find things that were hidden.
Criminals sometimes hide things that they don't want the police to find.
The policeman told us that he and his dog were partners.
His dog lives at his house with the policeman and his family.
Sometimes I see police cars on the side of the road.
The police stop people who are speeding or are not wearing their seatbelts.
The police officers warn people or give out tickets.
Sometimes they even have to arrest people.
Police officers are just doing their job when they arrest people.
Some people need to be arrested and put in jail to make it safer for the rest of us.

Article #93 Pretending

I like to pretend.
I like to make up things that aren't real.
I use my imagination.
I was pretending that I was in a time machine.
I set the date for a prehistoric time.
I turned on the time machine, and it buzzed and whirled and spun madly.
When it stopped spinning, I opened the door and stepped out into a very thick jungle.
I listened carefully to the sounds of the jungle.
I could hear strange animal noises, and the leaves were rustling.
I wasn't sure if I had gone back in time or had just landed in a jungle somewhere in the twenty first century.
It didn't take me long to realize that I had indeed gone back in time.
A very strange bird-like creature with a large beak flew overhead.
I had never seen anything like it in my life.
I took a few steps out into the long grass and ferns.
I didn't want to go too far away from my time machine.
I heard a noise over on my right side.
There was a man who looked quite different from me.

He was dressed in an animal skin, and he carried a big stick.
I didn't want him to see me, so I hid behind a tree.
He didn't speak any language that I could understand.
He grunted at someone who must have been in the distance.
Then, I felt the earth shake beneath my feet.
I heard giant thumps on the ground as the floor of the jungle shook.
The man in the animal skin began to run.
I saw why he was running.
A giant dinosaur appeared above the tops of the trees.
It was bigger than anything I had ever seen.
My heart began to pound in my chest.
It was coming toward me.
I ran toward my time machine and jumped in.
I set the dial for the twenty-first century.
The machine whirled and buzzed.
My time machine landed in the twenty-first century.
I got away just in time.

Article #94 A Baby

My aunt just had a baby girl.
We went to the hospital to visit my aunt and to see the new baby.
My aunt was feeling fine, although she was just a bit tired.
She walked with us to a big window that had lots of babies behind it.
She pointed to a crib with a baby in it.
The baby was wrapped in a pink blanket.
We all said how pretty the baby looked.
I couldn't believe how tiny the baby was.
She was asleep, so we couldn't see her eyes.
When the baby went home, we went to visit her.
We heard the baby.
She was crying.
My aunt said that the baby was hungry.
My aunt had a baby bottle full of warm milk.
She fed the baby with it.
The baby was happy after that.
My aunt patted the baby on the back until the baby burped, and then the baby fell asleep.
I held the baby.
I looked at her tiny fingers and tiny toes.
I was very careful with her.
She opened her eyes and looked at me.
I spoke to the baby, but I knew that she could not understand me.
Babies have to learn to walk and talk.
My aunt changed the baby.
Babies wear diapers, so they need to be changed often.
The baby has a lot of toys, but she is still too young to play with them.
My aunt says that it won't be long before the baby is crawling and trying to talk.

Babies are cute.

I have seen pictures of myself when I was a baby, and it's hard to believe that I was once that small.

Article #95 A Wedding

The church bells are ringing.

I am inside the church waiting for my cousin to walk down the aisle.

Today is her wedding day.

She is a bride.

The organist is playing a song on the organ.

We all stand up and watch my cousin walk down the aisle.

She is arm in arm with her father.

She is dressed in a long white dress and a veil.

She looks so beautiful.

She looks like a princess.

The man who she is going to marry is standing at the front of the church.

He is the groom.

He looks nice too.

He is wearing a suit, and he has a flower in his lapel.

The minister says words to the couple which will make them man and wife.

The bride and groom smile at each other, but they seem to be a little bit nervous.

They give each other gold rings to wear to symbolize that they are married.

They kiss each other and walk out of the church as the organist plays joyous music.

Some of the people in the church cried at the wedding, but not because they were sad.

Everyone in the church is very happy for the couple.

A photographer takes pictures of the happy couple.

We wish them well and look forward to the reception where we will have a dinner, and we will dance and have a good time until it is very late.

The bride will throw her bouquet of flowers, and it is said that whoever catches the bouquet will be the next bride.

The next day, the bride and groom will leave for their honeymoon.

My cousin and her husband are going to Mexico for their honeymoon.

Article #96 My Dad

My dad is the man whom I respect the most in my life.

He works very hard to make the money that supports us.

My mother has a job too,

and she also works very hard.

My dad is the principal of a high school.

He works at the school all day, and often has to go to meetings at night.

He deals with parents, students and staff.

There is always something that he has to deal with.

He has a lot on his mind.

It doesn't matter how much work my dad has to do; he always has time for my brothers,

my sister and me.
If I go to him with a problem, he will sit down and discuss it with me.
He doesn't yell.
He is always very logical, and he tries to think of the best way to deal with things.
My dad is a very patient man.
Once, I spilled some ink on some papers that he was working on.
I thought that he would be mad, but he didn't get angry. He said that it was okay.
He takes time out to do things with us.
He has taken my brothers fishing.
He takes me to the arena to skate, and he helps my sister to write her essays and assignments.
He always makes us laugh,
and he makes us feel like we are very special to him.
He is a very good father,
and on Father's Day I always buy him a card that tells him just how much he means to me.
I think it is important to have good parents.
I hope that when I have children I will be a good parent like my parents are to me.
Parents give children the foundation that they need to live good lives.

Article #97 My Mother

My mother does so many things.
She has a job at a dress store; she cooks our meals; she cleans the house; she feeds the pets, and she still finds time to spend with us.
My mother is always busy, but she says that her favorite time is time that she spends with us.
My mother works from Monday to Friday.
When she comes home from work, she makes something for supper.
We usually do the dishes, so that she won't have to do them.
After supper she helps us with our homework, or she sits down to watch television.
Some nights she goes shopping, and she takes whoever wants to go with her.
Mothers are a little bit of everything.
My mother is like a teacher when she helps us with our homework.
She is like a nurse when she looks after us when we're ill.
She is like a cook when she makes meals for us.
She says that cleaning the house is her least favorite thing.
She says that the house gets dirty again right after you clean it.
She gets my father, my brothers, sister and me to help her with the cleaning.
My mother washes all our clothes, and sometimes she irons them if they need it.
My mother says that there are not enough hours in a day.
We try to help my mother as much as we can.
There is a lot of work involved in keeping a home neat and organized.
Most of my friends' mothers work.
Mothers are the people who you go to when you need to be comforted.
Mothers are the people who can make you feel better.
I'm glad that I have the mother that I have.

My mother is caring and funny.
She is fun to be around.

Article #98 A Surprise

Last Friday my dad came home from work and said that he had a surprise for us.
We tried to guess what the surprise might be.
My brother guessed that we were going out for dinner.
My dad said "no."
My other brother asked if my father had tickets to a hockey game.
My dad said "no."
My sister asked if we were going on a trip.
My dad said "no."
My mother knew what the surprise was, so she just stood and smiled at us.
I guessed that we might be getting a swimming pool.
My dad said "no."
We were getting very frustrated trying to guess what the surprise might be.
My brother asked how big the surprise was.
My dad said that the surprise was quite small.
We were not sure what the surprise could be.
"Will we all like it?" I asked.
"Yes" my dad replied.
Every one of you will love this surprise.
We heard a noise.
It was a crying noise.
"Your surprise wants to see you," my dad said.
He opened the door to the bedroom, and a tiny puppy came running out.
We were all very excited.
Our surprise was a puppy.
It was a little baby spaniel.
The puppy loved all of us.
She ran around and licked all of our faces.
We had always wanted a dog.
We take turns feeding the puppy and taking her out for walks.
She is growing quickly and will soon be an adult dog.
We all agree that the puppy was the nicest surprise that my dad could have given us.

Article #99 Rhyming Words

Sometimes my friends and I play a game.
It's something we made up, so it doesn't have a name.
We like to take words that rhyme.
We put them together line by line.
Do you get the picture now?
We're playing the game, and this is how.
I might say I like to drive a car.

I really don't like to go very far.
If I decide to take a walk,
I'd go with a friend so that we could talk.
Do you see that these lines rhyme?
Play the game if you have the time.
We could talk about school or even playing.
Do you know what I am saying?
Rhyming words is easy to do.
It's fun for me; it can be fun for you.
Just join in and say something
Or make it into a song that you can sing.
There are so many words that rhyme with others.
Like "smile" and "mile" and "mothers" and "brothers."
I could spend all day just making up these things.
I could let my imagination fly on wings
Up to the clouds and back to my mind.
There are so many rhymes that I can find.
There are some words that are hard to find rhymes for.
I don't use those words anymore.
I like to choose words that are easy to rhyme.
Like "cat" and "bat" or "lime" and "time."
So give it a try, I know you'll have fun.
I'll say "goodbye," my rhyming is done.

Article #100 Homework

Sometimes, my teacher gives us homework.
I don't mind doing my homework except when the weather is really nice, and all my friends are outside.
On those nights, I'd rather be outside with them, so I try to get my homework done quickly.
Tonight, I have some English homework.
We have been reading a book.
We have to read a chapter of the book and answer the questions at the end of the chapter.
It is an interesting book, so the homework for this is quite easy.
My math homework is not so easy.
I have to do some addition and subtraction.
I don't mind that, but there are some problems that need to be solved.
The problems involve addition, subtraction and multiplication.
I am not too good with numbers.
I need to work harder on my math.
I just finished a project for history.
I had to make a map of Canada with diagrams showing the routes of all the explorers.
It was an interesting project because I have been to some of the places that the explorers went to.
I don't have any science homework.
At school, we are growing bean plants.

We go in every day and see how the plants have grown.
We write down all the changes that occur in the plant every day.
The only other homework that I have is geography.
I have a map of Canada, and I have to write the names of all the provinces and their capitals on it.
It won't take me long to do that because I know all the provinces.
When my homework is all done, I will go outside and play ball with my friends until it is time to come in.
I am a good student.
I get good marks because I like school.
My favorite subjects are physical education, English and history.
Math is my least favorite subject, but I'm trying to improve my marks in that.

Article #101 Opposites

Some things are opposites of each other.
The opposite of black is white.
The opposite of happy is sad.
If I am at the opposite side of the room from you, it means that I am at the other side of the room than you are on.
The opposite of up is down and the opposite of left is right.
Do you know what the opposite of young would be?
Old is the opposite of young.
What is the opposite of dirty?
Clean is the opposite of dirty.
Big is the opposite of small.
Man is the opposite of woman.
Boy is the opposite of girl.
Sometimes people think the opposite things than other people.
Someone might be wrong and someone might be right.
The opposite of mother is father.
See if you can think of some opposites.
It is cold in the winter, and it is hot in the summer.
My father is very tall, and my brother is very short.
A rock is hard, but a pillow is soft.
An ocean is deep, but a puddle is shallow.
I might tell the truth, but I might tell a lie.
All of these things are opposites.
The morning is bright, but the night is dark.
A feather is light, but an elephant is heavy.
Sugar is sweet, but a lemon is sour.
A jet plane is fast, but a turtle is slow.
I can go out in the day, or I can go out at night.
I might love to swim, or I might hate to swim.
It is interesting to see how many opposites you can think up.
I could say hello, but I think it's time to say goodbye.

Article #102 The Smart Paperboy

In my town there is a paperboy who just got an award for his actions.
This boy delivered the local newspaper every morning.
One of the people to whom he delivered the paper was an elderly man.
This man lived alone.
The paperboy had often spoken to the man, so he knew that the man lived alone.
The paperboy always left the newspaper in the man's mailbox.
One morning the boy noticed that the man had not picked up his newspaper or his mail from the day before.
The boy felt that something was not right.
All day at school the boy had a feeling that something might be wrong with the man.
After school, the boy went back to the man's house to see if he had taken his mail and newspapers.
The newspapers and mail were still in the mailbox.
The boy knocked on the man's door.
He could hear a faint voice, but could not hear what the person was saying.
He tried to open the door, but it was locked.
The boy knew that something wasn't right, so he went home and called the police station.
He explained to the police that the man lived alone.
He gave the address of the man's house to the police.
The police knocked on the door, and they also heard the faint voice.
The police got into the house and found the man lying at the bottom of the stairs.
The man had fallen and broken his hip.
The man had not been able to get up.
He had been afraid that nobody would find him.
He was very grateful to the paperboy for caring enough to get the police.
The boy got an award.
The man said that the boy was a hero.
The police said that the boy was an example of a very good citizen.
The paperboy and the man are very good friends.
The man will never forget what the paperboy did for him.

Article #103 Niagara Falls

I live in Niagara Falls.
Niagara Falls is a famous place.
A lot of tourists visit here every year.
Most of the tourists come to see the waterfalls.
The waterfalls are very beautiful and powerful.
At night they shine lights on the falls that make them even more dramatic.
Tourists line up against the railings to watch the water as it tumbles into the Niagara River.
There are other things in Niagara Falls that the tourists like to visit.
There are a lot of gift shops and museums.
There are many hotels that the tourists can stay at.

Tourism is very important to Niagara Falls.
Many people work in the tourism industry.
There are many jobs in the tourism industry.
You can take a special bus and tour Niagara Falls.
You can ride in a horse-drawn carriage in Niagara-on-the-Lake, or you can take a balloon ride over the falls from the American side.
You can even ride in a helicopter over the falls.
Niagara Falls is very busy in the summertime.
Summer is the time when most tourists visit here.
Sometimes the tourists think it raining near the falls, but it is only the mist that rises from the mighty waterfalls.
There are many legends and stories connected to Niagara Falls.
There is a special legend called "The Maid of the Mist."
There are stories about the daredevils who thought that they were more powerful than the falls.
Some of them went over the falls in barrels, and others walked on tightropes over the falls.
Both of those things are very dangerous.
I stay behind the railings when I look at the falls.
I know just how powerful the falls are.
It is interesting to discover all the stories that there are about Niagara Falls.

Article #104 The Library

One of my favorite places is the library.
I go there to get books for school, and I go there to get books for pleasure.
I often read mysteries for fun.
In the summer, I read lots of mysteries.
I like to sit outside and read.
In the winter, I have to read books for school.
I go to the library to find out things for my projects.
I often use the dictionary and the atlas.
Some of my friends go with me, and we sit at the tables and do our homework.
We can't make a lot of noise in the library.
People have to be quiet when they are in a library.
When I first went to the library, I was confused about how to find books.
The librarian showed me how to use the computer to find books.
Now I am able to do all my research myself.
I have read some very interesting books.
I have learned a lot from library books.
I always bring the books back on time so I don't get a fine.
I am collecting books at home.
People often give me books for gifts.
Soon I will have my own library.
Reading is a good hobby.
Everyone in my family likes to read.
The library has other things besides books.

There are videos at the library.
There are also compact discs at the library.
I have a library card so I can get books, videos or compact discs whenever I want to.
My mother sometimes goes to the library to look at the magazines.
She gets some good recipes from the magazines.
My father looks for books on how to build things.
He is building some bookshelves for me at the moment.
He found the instructions in a book.
My little brother reads children's books.
He likes books about trains.
I have liked books ever since I was very small.
My mother says that reading is a good habit to get into.

Article #105 When I Grow Up

I have been thinking about what I'd like to be when I grow up.
There are so many choices.
I could be a principal like my father.
I could be a teacher.
I like animals.
Maybe I should be a veterinarian.
My cat just went to the veterinarian to get her shots.
I don't think my cat was too happy to be there.
I could be a farmer and grow vegetables.
Maybe I could be a doctor and cure people.
If I was good enough, I could be a famous sports person or a singer.
I could be an actor on television or in the movies.
Maybe I would like to be a policeman or a fireman.
I could rescue people.
I can play the piano.
Maybe I should be a musician.
I could be a lawyer.
I sometimes watch shows about lawyers defending people.
Lawyers have to be able to speak well.
I could be a carpenter and work with wood, or I could be a welder and work with metal.
There are just so many jobs.
I could work in a restaurant.
I could cook food, or I could serve food.
I could be an airline pilot or the captain of a ship.
I could be a repairman or an artist.
The world is full of jobs.
Some of the jobs require a lot of education.
Some require a little bit of training, and some require a lot of training.
It's all up to me.
I can be whatever I want to be.

Article #106 Favorite Colours

My very favorite colour is purple.
There are not a lot of things that are purple.
Some grapes are purple.
Sometimes the sky looks purple.
My second favorite colour is blue.
Some things are blue.
The sky is blue, and water is blue.
Many people have blue eyes.
Green is a very common colour in nature.
Trees are green in the summer.
Some trees are green all year long.
Grass is green.
Sometimes water looks green.
Many People have green eyes.
Many vegetables are green.
Broccoli, cabbage, beans, lettuce, peas, and cucumbers are all green.
Green vegetables are very good for you.
Yellow is a bright colour.
The sun looks yellow.
Bananas are yellow.
Some people have yellow hair.
Daffodils and dandelions are yellow.
White is a common colour, especially in the winter.
Snow is white.
Clouds are white.
Polar bears, some dogs and some cats are white.
There are white flowers that grow.
Some flowers are red.
Roses can be red.
Blood is red.
Sometimes the sky is red at night or in the morning.
Artists use all these colours to make beautiful paintings.
Nature used all these colours to make the beautiful earth.
We are fortunate to be surrounded by beauty.
We should do our part to make sure that nature stays beautiful and clean.

Article #107 Making Friends

I used to be very shy.
I would not go up to someone that I did not know and say hello.
I was afraid that people would not want to talk to me.
I have changed.
I have become less shy.
I have learned that making friends is easy to do.
All you have to do is say hello.

Most people will respond to a smile and a friendly hello.
People will begin to talk to you about little things in their lives.
You will soon realize that you have something in common with that person.
Whenever I start talking to a new person I find that there is some interest that we share.
Maybe we know some of the same people, or we went to the same school.
Often we find that we like the same music or the same movies.
It is easy to have a conversation with someone once you find a topic that you both can relate to.
The most important part to making friends is to listen to what the other person says.
If you take an interest in them, they are sure to take an interest in you.
I have learned many things from meeting people.
I have had many fascinating conversations, and I have made a lot of good friends.
One day a girl came up to me and said that she was lost.
She couldn't find her way to her English class.
I said that I was going to that class too.
I told her to come with me.
We began talking, and we became very good friends.
That was a few years ago.
She is still one of my best friends.
Just think, if she hadn't been lost we might never have become friends.

Article #108 Getting Old

My grandfather is getting old.
When I was younger, my grandfather would carry me on his shoulders, and we would go for a walk.
Now, my grandfather cannot put me on his shoulders.
He has a hard time walking, and he uses a cane.
My grandfather used to have lots of hair.
Now he is bald.
His skin doesn't look like it used to.
It is more wrinkled.
My grandfather takes more naps than he used to.
He goes to the doctor's, and he takes pills for his heart.
I love my grandfather very much.
I don't like the fact that he is getting older, but my mother says that growing older is just a fact of life.
She says that we will all get older.
Sometimes my grandfather forgets things.
My mother says to be patient.
I am patient.
I try to help my grandfather as much as I can.
I sometimes go for walks with him.
I help him to walk when he has trouble.
I cheer him up if I think he might be sad.
I get things for him, and I even read to him at night.
He used to read to me when I was little.

Now his eyesight is bad, and he can't see very well.
My grandfather tells me stories about when he was a boy.
The world was a very different place then he tells me.
His stories are interesting.
Sometimes I wish we could trade places for a day so that I would know what it felt like to be old.
My grandfather doesn't complain.
He jokes about his old bones.
I spend a lot of time with my grandfather.
I hope that he is around for a long time.

Article #109 Time

Time is something that you should never waste.
Once an hour is gone, it is gone forever.
You should make the most of every minute.
Time is a funny thing.
Some days go by so slowly.
Those are the days that you do things that aren't fun.
When you are having fun, time just flies by.
Time is made up of different units.
Seconds turn into minutes.
Minutes turn into hours.
Hours turn into days.
Days turn into weeks.
Weeks turn into months, and months turn into years.
We measure our lives by time.
We are very concerned with time.
Even little children are very conscious of time.
Little children often want to appear older, so if you ask a three-year-old how old he is, he will often say three and a half.
Many of our sayings are based on time.
"Give me a minute."
"Hold on a second."
"I'm running out of time."
"Time's up."
"I just want an hour of your time."
All of these are common things that we say, and they're all based on time.
We are a society that lives by the clock.
We almost all wear watches, and we glance at our watches a lot.
Time is something that we can't see, but it is a big factor in our lives.
How many times a day do you look at a watch or a clock?
I bet you'd be surprised at just how many times you do.

Article #110 Amy

Amy was a girl who came into our classroom.
She had many things wrong with her.
Amy was in a wheelchair, and she couldn't talk.
She couldn't make her hands and feet do what she wanted them to do.
We wondered why Amy would even be in our class, because she really couldn't do much of anything.
Amy had a teaching assistant who had to stay with her all the time.
One day the teaching assistant got called away.
I had to look after Amy.
I was afraid to look after her.
I really didn't know what to do.
I sat beside Amy, and I smiled at her.
She smiled back at me.
I never realized before that she had such a nice smile.
Amy made a noise.
It seemed like she wanted a crayon that was lying beside her.
I put the crayon into her hand.
She had trouble holding it, but eventually she got the crayon into her hand well enough so that she could make marks on the paper that was on the tray in front of her.
Amy spent a long time making marks on the paper.
She tried so hard to create whatever it was that she was drawing.
She worked for a long time.
I just watched her, and I gave her a lot of credit for not giving up when she obviously had so many problems.
When she was finally done, she picked up the paper with great difficulty.
With a look of pride on her face, she handed me the picture.
It was for me.
I was very touched that she spent all that time drawing something for me.
I thanked Amy and smiled at her.
I told her I loved the picture.
I still have that picture, although I'm not sure what it is a picture of.
I learned a lot from Amy that day.
I saw a brave girl who wouldn't give up.
Whenever I think my problems are too big to handle, I think of Amy and I remember her smile.

Article #111 Memories

Somebody once asked me what the most valuable things that I owned were.
I thought about that for a long time.
Then I realized that most of the things that I had could be replaced.
What I would not be able to replace were the photographs that I had of my friends and family.
Photographs are memories that are captured on film.
Some of the photographs are of people who are no longer with us.
I would hate to lose them.
Memories are precious.

They are all we have sometimes to link us to days gone by.
I remember the good times.
I try to relive them in my mind sometimes.
I remember the sad times.
Some of the sad memories are painful, but they are all a part of my life, and I don't want to lose any of my memories.
People come into our lives and people leave our lives, but most people leave a memory for us.
I have lots of memories, and when I look at my photographs, the memories come flooding back into my brain.
I remember what people were like when they were younger.
I remember vacations that I took.
I remember days that seemed ordinary at the time, but you never get to relive even the ordinary days.
Memories are so precious.
Cherish your memories, and keep them in a place close to your heart.

Article #112 Roommate Wanted

Spacious two bedroom apartment with kitchen facilities.
On the bus route to Brock University.
Looking for quiet female roommate.
Must be a non-smoker.
Available from Sept. 1.
\$300 a month.
Hydro is included.
Call Barb after 5.
905-111-1111
For Sale
Ten speed men's bike for sale.
Excellent condition.
\$100 or best offer.
Call Fred 905-111-1111
Apartment for Rent
Three bedroom apartment in the downtown area.
\$450 a month.
Within walking distance to stores and bus route.
Utilities not included.
Call (905) 111-1111.
Please leave a message on the machine, and I will get back to you.
Roommate Wanted
Responsible, quiet roommate wanted to share two bedroom apartment.
Some furniture included.
First and last month's rent required.
\$300 a month.
Utilities included.
Call before 6.

905-111-1111

Ask for George.

Help Wanted

Friendly reliable person wanted to work part time hours at shoe store.

No experience necessary. We will train you.

Please leave resume at Friendly Feet Shoe Store, 34 Main Street, Niagara Falls.

For Sale

Textbooks for sale.

Included are 2nd year English and American history texts. Excellent condition.

For complete list of texts, call Marie at (905) 111-1111 anytime after 5.

Upper Half of Duplex for Rent

Within walking distance to Brock University.

Two bedrooms and balcony.

Laundry facilities in basement.

Very spacious and clean.

Hydro not included.

References required.

\$700 per month.

Call 905-111-1111 and ask for Mr. Bridges.

Article #113 Places to Live

I live in a house.

My house is in a town.

My uncle lives in an apartment building.

His apartment building is in a busy city.

My cousin lives in a dormitory in a school.

He shares his room with a classmate.

My uncle lives out in the country.

He lives on a farm.

The police caught a criminal.

Now the criminal lives in prison.

When I go to summer camp, I live in a tent.

When my parents go on vacation, they live in a motel or a hotel.

A motel only has one or two floors.

A hotel usually has many floors.

My aunt and uncle live in a trailer.

They like to move around from place to place.

My friends live in a cottage by a lake.

My grandfather lives in a retirement home.

Many people who are about the same age as he is live there.

I would like to live in a palace.

I think you have to be a king or a queen, or a prince or a princess to live in a palace.

Article #114 The Bathroom

There is a bathtub in my bathroom.

On the wall over the bathtub there is a shower head.
We have a shower curtain hanging on the rod over the bathtub.
If we want to take a shower, we close the curtain.
There is soap and shampoo in the bathroom.
The soap is used for washing yourself, and the shampoo is used to wash your hair.
Towels are hanging on racks.
There are washcloths or face cloths to wash yourself with.
The sink has hot and cold taps.
There is a plug for the drain.
When you pull the plug, the water runs out of the sink.
There is a toilet in the bathroom.
When you flush the toilet, the water swooshes out of it.
There is toilet tissue hanging beside the toilet.
We keep other things in the bathroom too.
There is a medicine cabinet which holds pain killers, toothpaste and makeup.
My mother likes to wear a lot of makeup on her face.
There is also hair spray and gel.
There are brushes and combs for our hair.
There are toothbrushes and dental floss for our teeth.
We only have one bathroom, so we line up to use it.
It is good to have more than one bathroom in a house.

Article #115 The Bedroom

My bed is nice and soft.
I have a pretty bedspread on my bed.
I have sheets and a blanket on my bed also.
I use two feather pillows.
My pillows have pillowcases on them.
My dresser has a mirror on it.
I have a lamp on top of my dresser.
I also have some picture frames with pictures of my friends and family on top of my dresser.
There is an alarm clock beside my bed so that I can wake up on time in the morning.
I keep many clothes in my dresser drawers.
The drawers are nice and deep.
My closet is large.
It is a walk-in closet.
I have my clothes hanging in my closet.
All of my clothes are hung on hangers.
My shoes are all lined up on the floor of my closet.
There are shelves at the top of my closet.
I keep games up there.
There is a rug on my bedroom floor.
My bedroom window looks out over the back yard.
There are curtains on my bedroom window.
My bedroom is very cozy.

At night, I turn off the lamp and get under the covers.
I set my alarm clock for seven o'clock.
I lay my head on the pillow, and I fall asleep.

Article #116 The Alphabet

The English language is written using an alphabet.
In an alphabet, there are many letters.
Each letter means a different sound.
The English language uses the Roman alphabet.
Other languages use this alphabet too.
This alphabet has twenty-six letters.
Here are the letters, and a word that begins with each letter.
A is for apple.
B is for bird.
C is for car.
D is for day.
E is for evening.
F is for flower.
G is for grass.
H is for house.
I is for ice.
J is for jump.
K is for kitchen.
L is for laugh.
M is for mountain.
N is for nail.
O is for ocean.
P is for purple.
Q is for queen.
R is for run.
S is for sun.
T is for train.
U is for umbrella.
V is for vest.
W is for water.
X is for X-ray.
Y is for yellow.
Z is for zipper.
The letters A, E, I, O, and U are vowels.
The letter Y is sometimes a vowel.
The other letters are all consonants.
In the English language, some letters can have more than one sound.

Article #117 Numbers (1)

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Article #118 Numbers (2)

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83,250
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691,
789,
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992,
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2,469,
3,590,
5,698,
6,890,
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25,369,
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Article #119 Money

American money and Canadian money

Dollar

1 dollar

5 dollars

10dollars

Cent

A quarter 25cents

A dime 10cents

A nickel 5cents

A penny 1 cent

100 dollars

200 dollars

1000 dollars

125.23

562.07

1,000.98

50,000.21

98,006.89

25.25

288,456.39

458,000.74
1,020.85
89,000.24
10.65
1.87

Article #120 Phone Number

689-7890
454-6935
387-5687
791-6057
449-3562
354-6999
22285-6690
3641-9805
(02)6080-9078
(054)653-5106
(02)773-7600
(518)474-8390
(905)941-3068
(623)934-7566
(364)8880-3388
Mobile phone number
011-9078-8801
018-483-6017
017-6057-6640
010-9960-8870
080-6648-7000

Article #121 Clock time

Hours
12:00
1:00
2:00
3:00
4:00
5:00
6:00
7:00
8:00
9:00
10:00
11:00

Half Hours

12:30

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11:30

Quarter Hours

12:15

1:15

2:15

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5:15

6:15

7:15

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10:15

11:15

More Quarter Hours

12:45

1:45

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10:45

11:45

Minutes

12:05

1:10

2:20

3:25

4:35

5:40

6:50

7:55

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9:07
10:26
11:38
5:40 is Twenty to Six
6:50 is Ten to Seven
7:55 is Five to Eight
8:59 is One to nine

Article #122 Days of the week

1 day is 24hours
1 week is 7days
1 month is usually 30days
1 year is 12 months
1 generation is 30years
10 years are 1 decade
Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Months of the year
January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December
January has 31days
February has 29days
March has 31days
April has 30days
May has 31days
June has 30days
July has 31days
August has 31days
September has 31days

October has 31days
November has 30days
December has 30days
01-Jan
06-Feb
17-Mar
25-Apr
05-May
09-Jun
23-Jul
26-Aug
12-Sep
31-Oct
22-Nov
25-Dec

Article #123 U.S.A. and Canadian Cities

Where Did You Grow Up?

I grew up in Atlanta.

Atlanta

Boston

Chicago

Denver

Edmonton

Fort Worth

Green Bay

Houston

Indianapolis

Jacksonville

Kansas city

Los Angeles

Miami

New York city

Ottawa

Portland

Quebec

Richmond

San Francisco

Toronto

Washington, D .C

Youngstown

Vancouver

Article #124 World Cities

Montreal
Atlanta
Mexico City
Rio de Janeiro
Buenos Aires
Madrid
Moscow
London
Paris
Rome
Cairo
Abidjan
Kinshasa
Nairobi
Tokyo
Seoul
Delhi
Beijing
Bombay
Bangkok
Hong Kong
Taipei

Article #125 Continents and Seas

North America
South America
Europe
Africa
Asia
Australia
Antarctica
Atlantic Ocean
Pacific Ocean
Indian Ocean
Arctic Ocean
Mediterranean Sea
Black Sea
Caspian Sea

Article #126 Colors

Red

Green
Purple
Blue
Yellow
Indigo
Orange
Black
White
Ivory
Pink
Ruby
Gold
Olive
Coffee
Brown
Chocolate
Buff
Silver
Gray
Emerald
Rose
Slate
Lavender
Bronze
Copper
Maroon
Khaki
Chestnut
Tan
Turquoise
Beige
Rainbow
Spectrum
Camouflage

Article #127 Shapes

Triangle
Square
Round
Oval
Star
Mound
Globe
Dome
Diamond

Curve
Wavy
Rectangle
Sphere
Helix
Arch
Cone
Cylinder
Disc
Peak
Octagon
Hexagon
Pyramid
Point
Pentagon
Spiral
Surface
Cube
Blob
Arc
Horseshoe
Tip
Straight
Arrow
Heart

Article #128 Most common first Names

Girls: Jessica, Ashley, Amanda, Jennifer, Sarah, Stephanie, Nicole, Brittany, Heather, Melissa, Megan, Elizabeth,
Amber, Lauren, Danielle, Michelle, Christina, Crystal, Laura, Kimberly
Boys: Michael, Christopher, Matthew, David, Daniel, Joshua, Andrew, James Robert, Ryan, John, Joseph,
Brandon, Jason, Justin, Jonathan, Nicolas Anthony, William, Eric, Steven
Common Women's names: Alice, Alison, Ann, Anita, Barbara, Carol, Catherine, Claire Deborah, Diane, Donna,
Ellen, Gail, Hannah, Helen, Jackie, Jane, Janet, Jean, Jill
Common Men's Names: Albert, Alexander, Allan, Arthur, Benjamin, Charles Dennis, Donald, Douglas, Edward,
Frank, Fredrick, George, Gerald, Henry, Lawrence, Louis, Mark, Patrick, Paul

Article #129 Zoo Animals

Alligator
Crocodile
Gorilla
Leopard

Rhinoceros
Bear
Elephant
Hippopotamus
Lion
Zebra
Monkey
Buffalo
Giraffe
Tiger
Flamingo
Goat
Panda
Kangaroo

Article #130 Wild Animals

Badger
Cougar
Fox
Skunk
Squirrel
Whale
Wolf
Otter
Elk
Bobcat
Bear
Deer
Coyote
Moose
Porpoise
Possum
Raccoon
Wild cat
Beaver
Chipmunk

Article #131 Domestic animals

Cat
Donkey
Horse
Ox
Pony
Cow
Goat

Mule
Pig
Sheep
Rabbit

Article #132 Fish

Bass
Cod
Guppy
Perch
Trout
Sunfish
Shark
Monk
Goldfish
Catfish
Bluegill
Eel
Herring
Pike
Sturgeon

Article #133 Sect

Bee
Ant
Butterfly
Worm
Mouse
Hamster
Rat
Bat
Snail
Snake
Frog
Turtle
Oyster

Article #134 Food

Corn
Bread
Muffin

Celery
Cheese
Carrot
Tomato
Apple
Eggs
Ice cream
Hamburger
Hot dog
Coffee
Fish
Banana
Pear
Potato
Tortillas
Orange
Bean
Milk
Strawberries
Rice
Squash

Article #135 The body

Eyes
Nose
Mouth
Face
Shoulders
Elbow
Fingers
Arms
Legs
Back
Neck
Ear
Foot
Toes
Hand
Knee
Teeth
Hoof
Head
Palm
Forehead
Lips
Jaw

Pupil
Cheek
Mustache
Eyeball

Article #136 Clothes

Coat
Sweater
Gloves
Jacket
Shirt
Cap
Vest
Scarf
Blouse
Pants
Socks
Shorts
Slip
Suit
Bra
Skirt
Overcoat
Pajamas
Pants
Muffler
Belt
Tie
Hat
Shoes
Boots
Stockings

Article #137 Relatives

How many people are there in your family?
In my family, there are many people.
The people in my family are my relatives.
My parents are my mother and my father.
My mother's name is Mary.
My father's name is Bill.
I have one brother and one sister.
My brother's name is Bob. Bob is two years younger than I am.

My sister's name is Beth. Beth is three years older than I am.
Beth is the oldest. Bob is the youngest. I am in the middle.
Bob's wife is named Jen. She is my sister-in-law.
Beth's husband is named Tim. He is my brother-in-law.
Bob and Jen have a son named Steve. Steve is my nephew.
Beth and Tim have a daughter named Sally. Sally is my niece.
I also have two aunts and two uncles.
My uncle Joe is my mother's brother. His wife is Sarah. She is my aunt.
My aunt Anne is my father's sister. Her husband is Dave. He is my uncle.
My aunts and uncles have many sons and daughters. Those children are my cousins.
I also have four grandparents.
My mother's mother is my grandmother. My father's mother is also my grandmother.
My mother's father is my grandfather. My father's father is also my grandfather.
My grandparents have many grandchildren. They have grandsons and granddaughters.

Article #138 Time Of Day

People like to measure time.
They want to know what time of day it is.
Every day has twenty-four hours.
Every hour has sixty minutes.
The day is divided into AM and PM.
AM means morning. PM means afternoon, or evening.
Six AM is early in the morning.
Six PM is late in the afternoon.
Noon is the middle of the day.
Midnight is the middle of the night.
Twelve o'clock is called "noon" during the day, and "midnight" during the night.
When it is exactly three AM, we say it is three o'clock in the morning.
When it is exactly nine PM, we say it is nine o'clock in the evening.
When it is thirty minutes after four o'clock, we say it is four-thirty. We also say it is half-past four.
When it is fifteen minutes after eight o'clock, we say it is eight-fifteen. We also say it is quarter-past eight.
When it is forty-five minutes after ten o'clock, we say it is ten-forty-five. We also say it is quarter to eleven.
Today I woke up at seven o'clock in the morning. This is seven AM.
It was eight-thirty AM when I arrived at work. Eight-thirty is half-past eight.
I had my lunch at twelve o'clock noon. Noon is the middle of the day.
I went home at five o'clock in the afternoon. This is five PM.
I watched a movie at eight-fifteen PM. This is quarter-past eight in the evening.
Now it is eleven-forty-five PM. It is quarter to midnight. I'm going to bed now.

Article #139 Meals

People usually eat three meals each day.
The first meal of the day is called breakfast.
People eat breakfast soon after they wake up in the morning.
Some people eat toast and jam for breakfast.
Some people eat bacon and eggs for breakfast.
Some people eat cereal and fruit for breakfast.
The second meal of the day is usually called lunch.
People eat lunch at the middle of the day.
Many people eat a sandwich at lunch.
The sandwich may be made of meat or cheese.
Some people eat soup or a salad at lunch.
The third meal of the day is usually called dinner, or supper.
People eat dinner early in the evening.
In many countries, this is the biggest meal of the day.
People usually eat some meat at dinner.
They also eat potatoes, or rice, or pasta.
They also eat vegetables.
After dinner, people like to have dessert.
Dessert is usually sweet.
People like to have something to drink with their meals.
Some people drink milk.
Some people drink fruit juice.
Some people drink soft drinks.
Some people drink beer or wine.
Some people drink tea or coffee.
Not all eating is done at meals.
Sometimes, people eat snacks.
Almost any food can be eaten as a snack.
Snacks are usually fairly small.
If you eat a big snack, you won't have room for your meals!

Article #140 An Evening Out

People enjoy going out for an evening.
There are many things that people like to do.
Many people go to the movies during the evening.
Some movies are funny. Some movies are scary.
Some movies are for adults. Some movies are for children.
Some people like to eat popcorn while watching a movie.
Sometimes, people go to a concert in the evening.
They enjoy hearing music that is played live.

Many kinds of music are played at concerts.
There are classical concerts and rock concerts.
There are many other kinds of concerts too.
Many people go to sports events in the evening.
There are football games, hockey games, baseball games, and basketball games.
Some people watch professional teams.
Parents like to watch their children's teams.
Sometimes, people like to stay home for the evening.
They can talk or play games at home.
They can read or watch television at home.
At home, people can relax and rest.

Article #141 Clothing

People wear clothing on their bodies.
Another word for 'clothing' is 'clothes'.
Clothes keep us warm and dry.
People wear shirts to cover their body above the waist.
Some shirts have long sleeves that cover the arms.
Some shirts have short sleeves.
Some shirts are very warm and heavy.
These are called sweaters.
Other shirts are cooler and lighter.
A woman's shirt is sometimes called a blouse.
People wear pants to cover their body below the waist.
Each pair of pants has two legs.
Some pants are long.
Long pants reach down to the ankles.
Some pants are short.
Short pants are called shorts.
Shorts do not even reach down to the knees.
Instead of wearing pants, some women wear skirts.
Skirts are looser than pants.
Below their other clothing, people wear underwear.
People wear socks on their feet.
People put shoes on over their socks.
In the summer, many people wear sandals instead of socks and shoes.
In the winter, people wear heavy shoes called boots.
In the winter, people wear gloves on their hands.
In the winter, people wear coats or jackets to keep warm.
Some people also wear a hat on their head.
A hat can keep your head warm and dry.

Article #142 Tools

People need to make things and fix things.
To do this, we need to have tools.
There are different tools that we use for different tasks.
The hammer is an important tool.
We can use a hammer to drive nails into wood.
With a hammer and nails, we can join pieces of wood together.
When you hammer a nail, you must hit the nail straight and hard.
Do not hit your thumb with the hammer!
A screwdriver is another useful tool.
A screwdriver is used to turn screws.
When the screw is turned, it can push its way into the wood.
Another tool is the wrench.
We can use the wrench to make things tighter or looser.
When working with pipes, a wrench is needed.
A saw is also an important tool.
A saw is used to cut through wood.
It takes a lot of work to use the saw.
You must move your arm back and forth to cut through the wood.
These are only a few simple tools.
There are many other tools also.
Good tools make our lives much easier.

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